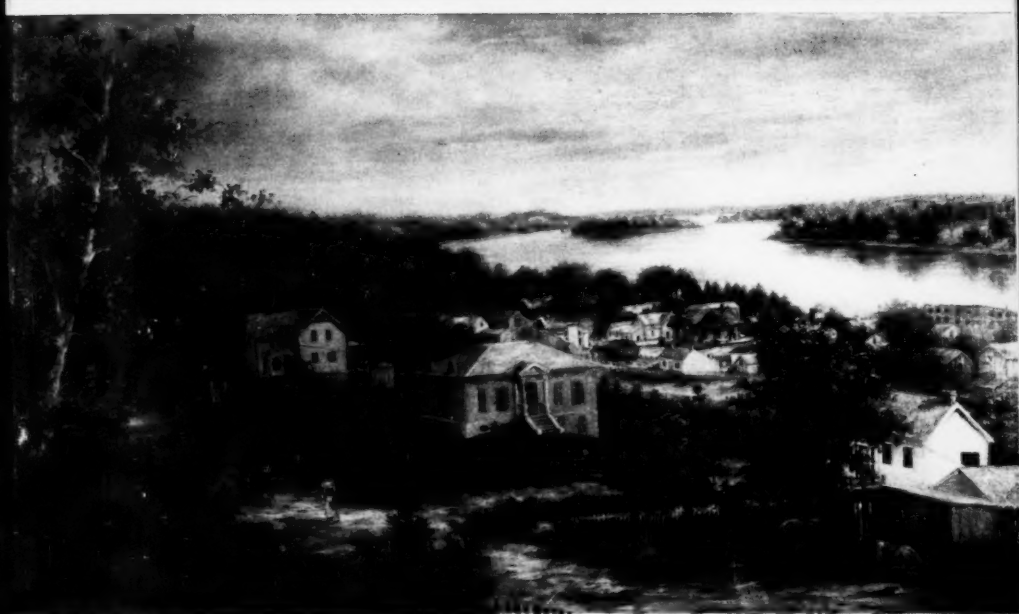


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THE COVER: Cornelia A. Kuemmel (April 2, 1863-September 9, 1938) was born in St. Louis but lived in Glasgow almost all her life. While attending the St. Louis School of Fine Arts, she won a scholarship for study in Paris but refused it, returning to Glasgow to devote her life to painting. During the 1880's, 1890's, and early 1900's she

taught painting and drawing at Lewis College and Pritchett College, Glasgow.

Miss Kuemmel made no effort to sell her paintings and died unacclaimed, leaving 320 finished items as the best of her work. In 1944 the Society acquired *Glasgow, Missouri*, probably painted in the late 1880's.

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## MISSOURI'S PROGRAM FOR HIGHWAY HISTORIC MARKING, 1955-1957

DIRECTED BY FLOYD C. SHOEMAKER\*

INSCRIPTIONS BY RUBY M. ROBINS\*\*

### PART II

Under Missouri's highway historic marker program, organized in 1951, the State Historical Society of Missouri selects the site to be marked, buys the marker, and supplies the inscription, while the State Highway Commission selects and prepares a location for the marker, installs it, and maintains both the marker and the location.

The first series of articles on the marker program appeared in the January, April, and July, 1955, issues of the *Review* and the second series in the April, July, and October, 1957, issues. These articles reported the history and organization of Missouri's program and also reproduced the inscriptions on the 52 markers completed by the close of 1955.

Markers completed during 1955-1957 are: *Bagnell Dam, Bowling Green, Canton, Caruthersville, Doniphan, Edina, Eminence, Fredericktown, Galena, Glasgow, Kennett, Keytesville, Kingston, Lamar, Lancaster, Marble Hill, Maryville, Moberly, Montgomery County, New London, Richmond, Rock Port, Salem, Sedalia, Troy, Warrensburg, Warsaw, and Washington*. The inscriptions on the first seven of these markers were published in the April *Review*, and this installment carries the inscriptions of seven more.

Carried at the bottom of each side of the marker, but not reproduced here, is the information, "Erected by State Historical Society and State Highway Commission, 1957." A line is used here to separate the two sides of the inscription.

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### FREDERICKTOWN

Here in the southern extent of Missouri's historic southeast Lead Belt, Fredericktown was laid out on Saline Creek, 1819, by State legislator Nathaniel Cook. Commissioners T. F. Tong, Joseph Bennett, James Dotson, John Burditt, and Henry Whitener chose it as the seat of Madison County, organized, 1818. The town name, according to a tradition, is for pioneer George Frederick Bollinger, and the county name honors the U. S. President.



*Massie—Mo. Res. Div.*

**Ruins of Silver Mine on St. Francis River**

Historical continuity in the area begins with 1715 when La Mothe Cadillac, French Gov. of Louisiana, seeking silver, found lead at nearby Mine La Motte. Philip Renault opened the mine, 1723, and transient miners operated there throughout the 1700's. First permanent settlement began in 1799 when French-Canadians founded St. Michael, now a part of Fredericktown, on a Spanish grant, and Americans took up land in the county.

The Battle of Fredericktown, a Civil War engagement, occurred near here, Oct. 21, 1861. Some 2,000 pro-Southern State Guards led by Col. M. Jeff Thompson, attempting to get control of Southeast Mo., were defeated by 4,500 Union troops under Col. J. B. Plummer.

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Fredericktown, in north Madison County, lies near the geologic center of the Ozarks in an area of unique mineralization in the Mississippi Valley. The county, one of the State's prominent lead and cobalt producers, has fertile farm land in wide valleys and fine timber on rugged hills which form a part of Clark National Forest.

Fredericktown's development as a banking and trading center was assured with the coming of the St. Louis and Iron Mt. R. R. (Mo. Pac.), 1869. A railroad division point was later set up here. Marvin (Methodist) College was located in Fredericktown, 1894-1925.

Nearby Mine La Motte, oldest lead mine in Mo., has been utilized by white men since 1715. Osage Indians, who claimed the area until their 1808 Missouri land cession, killed 7 miners there in 1774. In early days lead from the mine was moulded into the shape of collars and hung on the necks of horses for the trip over Three Notch Road to Ste. Genevieve. An Indian trail and oldest road in Mo., it was named for trail markings. To the west is Einstein Silver Mine. Worked in the 1880's, it is the only silver mine in Mo.

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*The Fredericktown marker stands in a turnout two miles south of Fredericktown, U. S. Route 67.*

## GALENA

Seat of justice for Stone County, Galena lies 1,016 feet above sea level on the James River in whose beautiful, crystal waters the explorer H. R. Schoolcraft reported seeing lumps of galena on his 1818-19 trip in the Ozarks. First known as Jamestown, the town was originally settled in the 1830's to the south. After the county, named for pioneer Judge W. T. Stone, was organized, 1851, the present location and name were adopted.

Stone County lies in the oldest mountain region in the U. S. In 7000 B. C., prehistoric Ozark Bluff Dweller Indians were living in the area. In modern times the county was part of the territory claimed by the Osage until 1808. Delaware Indians, between their land cession in



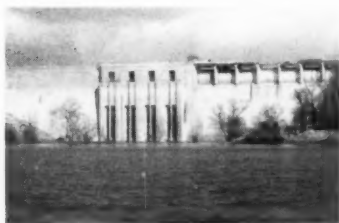
*Archaeological Research, U. of Mo.*

**Excavating Ozark Bluff Dweller Site**

Cape Girardeau County, 1818, and their final Missouri land cession, 1829, lived along the James River.

In early days the county benefited from the Wilderness Road, a north-south Indian and pioneer trail. Near Reeds Spring was Linchpin Campground. The Butterfield Mail route of 1858-61, soon called the Wire Road, cut across northwest Stone County. In 1904 the White River R. R. (Mo. Pac.) arrived.

Galena, in the Missouri Ozarks, serves as seat of a county of the Shepherd of the Hills region, an area famed for its beauty, legends, and folklore. During the Civil War, guerrilla raids halted growth, but postwar years brought development as a resort and farming land. Galena to Branson float trips on the James and the White rivers became famous, and Stone County developed into one of the State's top tomato producers, the crop being called "Red Gold of the Hills."



*Walker—Mo. Res. Div.*

**Table Rock Dam, 1957**

Points of interest in Stone and adjacent Taney County are the Shepherd of the Hills Country with its many sites associated with Harold Bell Wright's 1907 novel; Table Rock Dam, Lake, and resort area; and Fairy, Marvel, and Old Spanish caves.

Among Stone County's settlers were such accomplished pioneers as John B. Williams, who opened one of Missouri's early powder mills, 1835, at Cape Fair; Joseph Phillabert, Indian trader; Jacob Yocum, Schoolcraft's guide; and later, Truman S. Powell, editor, legislator, speleologist. Representative Dewey Short is a native of Galena, and here lived folklorist May Kennedy McCord as a youth.

*The Galena marker stands in the State Highway Maintenance Lot at the eastern edge of the city. Junction of State highways 13 and 44.*

• GLASGOW

Here along the scenic river bluffs where the Missouri forms a natural port, Glasgow was laid out, 1836. Named for pioneer James Glasgow, it was the first successful town in this general area. Chariton, Monticello, and Thorntonsburg, earlier towns which failed, did not have Glasgow's fine location.

Glasgow grew as a major shipping point. By 1860, it was the hub of central Missouri's flourishing tobacco trade. The Glasgow to Huntsville plank road finished, 1854, added to the general prosperity. In the Civil War, Confederates under Gen. J. B. Clark, Gen. J. O. Shelby, and Col. S. D. Jackman captured the town held by Federals under Col. Chester Harding, Oct. 15, 1864. The Methodist Church, built in 1849, was used as a hospital.

In the postwar period, Glasgow benefited with the coming of the Mo. and Miss. R. R. (Wabash) and Chicago and Alton (G. M. & O.) in the 1870's. The first all-steel bridge in the world was built over the Missouri here by the Chicago and Alton for the railroad, 1879. Gen. Wm. Sooy Smith was construction engineer. This bridge was replaced in 1900. The highway bridge dates from 1925.



**Methodist Church Built in 1849**

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Shipping point and trading town, Glasgow lies in the famed Boon's Lick Region on the west central boundary of Howard County. In the early 1800's, pioneers from Tenn., Va., and Ky. made first permanent settlements.

Early educational center, Glasgow's first chartered school was a female academy in 1849. In 1866-67 the nonsectarian Pritchett Institute (College), named for first principal Carr W. Pritchett,

*Courtesy Miss Hazel Price***First All Steel Bridge in the World**

was founded by tobacco merchant, Southern Methodist clergyman J. O. Swinney. The once well known Morrison Observatory was a gift to the school, 1874, by Berenice Morrison-Fuller. Astronomer H. S. Pritchett taught here. School closed, 1922.

**Missouri's Oldest Library Building**

Lewis College was founded here in 1867 under the Methodist Episcopal Church by the family of tobacco merchant Benjamin W. Lewis including his brother, James W.; son, Benj. W. Jr.; and wife, Eleanor Turner Lewis. Local artist Cornelia A. Kuemmel taught at the college. The last school year was 1892. Lewis Memorial Public Library was founded under the M. E. Church with a bequest from Benj. W. Lewis in 1866. His family gave the building, now oldest library building in Mo.

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*The Glasgow marker stands on the grounds of Glasgow High School. State Highway 5.*

## KENNETT

Here in the Southeast Lowland Region of Missouri on a Delaware and Shawnee Indian village site, Kennett was laid out as the seat of Dunklin County, 1846. The town was first called Chilletecaux for a Delaware Indian living here at the time. Later known as Butler, it was named for Mayor of St. Louis L. M. Kennett, 1851. The county name honors Gov. Daniel Dunklin.

Kennett grew as a trade and legal center as Dunklin developed into a noted cotton, soybean, and livestock farming area. When organized in 1845, Dunklin County was an isolated region of forest, overflowed land, and swamp bearing the marks of the New Madrid earthquakes of 1811-12. First settlers, hunters and trappers, were followed by others who came to harvest the forests.



Massie—Mo. Res. Div.

### Drainage Canals Near Kennett

Effective land reclamation began in 1893, when the State provided for organization of county drainage districts and levees on the St. Francis River. Dunklin County is in the Little River Drainage District, one of the largest drainage systems in the U. S., organized, 1905. Drainage districts include some 300,000 of Dunklin's 347,524 acres.

Kennett is the seat of the first "Bootheel" county formed after Missouri was made a state. The extreme southeast counties of Dunklin (1845) and Pemiscot (1851), with a section of New Madrid (1812), are said to be part of Mo. through efforts of J. Hardeman Walker, pioneer planter in Pemiscot County.

In the Civil War, the county was known as the "Independent State of Dunklin" after adoption of a resolution at Clarkton, 1862, that Dunklin would secede from the Union. Union troops were in Kennett and Clarkton briefly, 1863, and guerrilla raiders roamed the area constantly. Recovery began with the coming of the Little River Valley and Ark. R. R. (Cotton Belt) to Malden, 1878. A branch reached Kennett, 1890. Reclamation begun in 1890's brought population increase from 21,706 in 1900 to 45,329 in 1950.

Here in Dunklin County, near Cardwell on the St. Francis River, the 230 altitude is the lowest spot in Mo. The eight copper, eagle-embossed, Indian ceremonial plates now a part of the Wulfling Collection at Washington University in St. Louis, were found to the north, near Malden, 1906.

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*The Kennett marker stands in a turnout at Dunklin County Memorial Hospital. State Highway 84.*

### KEYTESVILLE

Founded, 1832, by Englishman James Keyte, Keytesville is the judicial seat of Chariton County. First seat of the county, organized in 1820, was "Old" Chariton, laid out, 1817, near the mouth of the Chariton River by Duff Green, editor, politician. Before floods led to town abandonment, it grew so rapidly that one settler exchanged lots in St. Louis for an equal number in "Old" Chariton, 1819.

The county name probably derived from Joseph Charette, a fur trader who drowned in what is now Chariton River, 1795. When the 1804 Lewis and Clark Expedition noted the river it had two outlets. Since 1904 the 300 miles of curving channel through the county has been straightened to 33 miles.

Keytesville became county seat, 1833, James Keyte donating 50 acres for the site. Union troops stationed here surrendered to



Confederates under John Thrailkell, Sept. 20, 1864, who burned the courthouse.

Sterling Price (1809 - 67), Missouri governor, 1853-57, and Confederate general, lived near Keytesville. The State statue to him by A. G. Newman is here in Price Park.

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Keytesville serves as seat of justice for a rich grain farming county of the Boon's Lick Region. Southern pioneers who settled following the War of 1812 introduced tobacco, and the county was a leader in production into the 1900's. The county lies in territory ceded by Iowa, Sac, and Fox Indians in 1824. Brief hostilities broke out between settlers and a band of Iowas led by Big Neck, 1827. The Indian trail, later called Field's Trace, followed the Missouri through the county.

Brunswick, the second town to be founded by James Keyte in the county, was laid out, 1836, on the Missouri which since altered its course. It grew into a prominent river port serving a wide range of settlements before the coming of the railroad. To the east is Salisbury, laid out, 1867, by Lucius Salisbury.

In Keytesville lived Lisbon Applegate, a member 1845 Mo. Const. Conv.; W. W. Rucker, a congressman, 1899-1923; and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, appointed Chief of Staff, 1955, was born here. In Salisbury lived John C. Collet, Mo. Supreme Court, later Federal judge; and Roy McKittrick, Mo. Att. Gen., 1933-45. Actor Sol. S. Russell was born in Brunswick.



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**State Statue of Sterling Price**

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*The Keytesville marker has not been installed at this time.*

**KINGSTON**

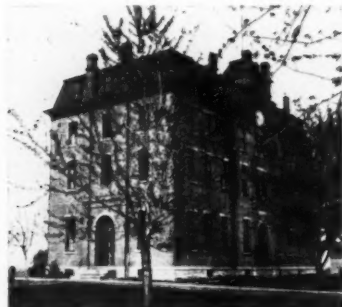
In fertile Shoal Creek Valley, Kingston was laid out in 1843 to replace Far West as seat of Caldwell County. Organized in 1836, the county was to be for Latter Day Saints (Mormons), ejected from Jackson County in 1833 and asked to leave Clay County, 1836. Far West, near here, was their county seat and church headquarters. When the "Mormon War" began, Far West had 3,000 settlers.

Hostilities between Latter Day Saints and their neighbors arose over political, social, and economic differences. First hostile acts were at the Latter Day Saints' settlements Adam-ondi-Ahman and De Witt in Daviess and Carroll counties. Involved were Missouri militiamen and Caldwell County militia of Mormons. After massacre of 17 Latter Day Saints at Haun's Mill, the Caldwell militia surrendered at Far West, November 1, 1838.

Church leaders, Joseph Smith among them, were accused of treason and ordered shot. They were jailed when Brig. Gen. Alexander W. Doniphan refused to enforce the order. Some were freed, others escaped, as charges were unsustainable. About 12,000 Latter Day Saints removed to Illinois by June of 1839.

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Kingston serves as seat of a livestock and grain farming county in the Glacial Plains of Missouri. Named for John Caldwell, Indian scout, the county lies in an area utilized by Missouri and Osage Indians and claimed by the Iowa, Sauk, and Fox until their 1824 land cession. First settler was Jesse Mann, 1831.



**Thayer Hall, Kidder Institute**

Named for Judge, later Governor, Austin A. King, the town lies on land donated by James Ramsey and William Hill. The first house was moved here from Far West, left desolate after the "Mormon War." In June of 1864, some 300 Confederates under Captains Thrailkell and Taylor raided the town.

Northeast is Hamilton, the county's largest town, founded in 1855 in anticipation of the Hannibal and St. Joseph R. R. (C. B. & Q) built through the county, 1859. To the northwest, at Kidder was Thayer College, later Kidder (Congregational) Institute, 1884-1933.

Joseph Smith and Brigham Young were among Latter Day Saints to live in Caldwell County. Noted merchant and philanthropist James C. Penney was born near Hamilton and playwright Paul Armstrong near Kidder.

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*The Kingston marker stands on the courthouse square in Kingston. State Highway 13.*

## LAMAR

Lamar is distinguished as the birthplace of Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States. The son of Confederate veteran John Anderson and Martha Ellen (Young) Truman, he was born May 8, 1884. The family moved to Harrisonville in Cass County, 1886, and from there to Grandview and Independence in Jackson County. Here in Lamar is the birthplace, and the Truman Library and the home are in Independence.

In Harry S. Truman's national career, he served as U. S. Senator from Mo., 1935-45; U. S. Vice President, 1945; and President, 1945-53. Highlights of his administration include the end of World War II; ratification of United Nations Charter; establishment of Atomic Energy Commission; unification of Armed Services; and "police action," through UN, in Korea. His philosophy of government "the welfare of all," was called the "Fair Deal."

Lamar was laid out, 1856-57, as the seat of Barton County. Named for Republic of Texas Pres. Mirabeau B. Lamar, the town was founded by George Ward on land he gave the county. Organ-



*Irwin, Mo. St. Park System*

**Harry S. Truman Birthplace**

ized, 1855, the county is named for Missouri's U. S. Sen. David Barton.

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Here on the horseshoe bend of the north fork of Spring River, in the Prairie Region of Southwest Missouri, 980 feet above sea level, Lamar serves as the seat of a leading coal mining and grain and livestock farming county. Osage Indians gave up claims to the area in their 1808 and 1825 land cessions.

In the Missouri-Kansas Border War, 1854-59, lawless bands ranged the county, and in the Civil War terror and disorder characterized the region. Quantrill and his guerrilla band raided and burned Lamar, occupied by Union troops, November 5 and 11, 1862. The town was again burned by raiders, May 28, 1864.

Almost depopulated at war's close, Lamar and Barton County slowly recovered. In 1880 the Kansas City, Ft. Scott, and Gulf Railroad (Frisco) reached here, and the Mo. Pac., 1881. Lamar College, closed in early 1900's, opened, 1889. Arthur Aull (1872-1948) widely known for his unusual news policy, became editor of the Lamar *Democrat*, 1900. Northwest is Liberal. Founded in 1880 by G. H. Walser, it was once a community of free-thinkers. To the southwest is Minden Mines, a shipping point for coal, founded in 1883.

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*The Lamar marker stands in a turnout two miles north of Lamar. U. S. Route 71.*

*This is the second of a series of articles on Missouri's Program for Highway Historic Marking, 1955-1957. The next installment will be in the October, 1958, REVIEW.*

## PIKE COUNTY

LAND OF CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS, BALLADS AND TURNPIKES,  
AND STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS

BY FLOYD C. SHOEMAKER\*

For more than 100 years the sons of Pike County have spread its fame throughout the Nation. Among the first emigrants westward were men from Pike whose pride of origin and colorful personalities made a vivid and lasting impression, and the list of those who have made their homes in Pike County since the first permanent settlements is studded with names of men famous in the public life of the State and Nation.

The fertile alluvial plains, washed by the waters of the Mississippi, the undulating prairies, and the rocky ledges of the region proved attractive to settlers early in Missouri's history. The first to cut their way through the forest were men who came with their families from the Carolinas and Kentucky to build homes on Buffalo, Little Calumet, and Noix creeks in 1808. James Burns from Kentucky had visited the region in 1800, and his brother-in-law, Frederick Dixon, traveled through the area in 1802, but they made no permanent settlements.

There may have been earlier inhabitants of whom we have no record. Lewis C. Beck in his *Gazetteer of Illinois and Missouri* of 1823 reported the discovery of remains of ancient fortifications on Noyer (Noix) and Buffalo creeks. Unhewn stone walls, 18 inches thick, formed a four-chamber structure 56 feet long and more than 20 feet wide at Noyer Creek. At that time the walls still standing were from two to five feet high.

We know more about Buffalo Fort, built by the settlers living in the vicinity of Buffalo and Noix creeks for protection against the Indians during the War of 1812. Twenty-one families moved to the fort, which had been so planned that water could be obtained without exposure to the enemy. The first year a crop of corn was

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\*An address delivered at the dedication of the Bowling Green Highway Historical Marker on July 21, 1957, at the western approach of U. S. 54 to Bowling Green.

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raised for mutual use, with part of the settlers working in the fields and part guarding the fort. The following year, their security seeming more assured, each cultivated his own crop. But Robert Jordan and his son, James, were shot from ambush and scalped while going out to their field. They were buried where they fell, and this location formed the nucleus of old Buffalo Cemetery, now marked with a red granite boulder placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1917. Territorial Governor William Clark sent a contingent of soldiers to remove the families to St. Louis for protection, and other families in the region were removed to forts further south. In 1816 these families returned to the county after all danger had passed.

The first land sales of the area were made in 1817-1818 at St. Louis, with land held at the minimum price of \$2.50 an acre. Numerous farms were laid out and locations made many miles back from the Mississippi River. The Reverend J. W. Campbell, who came to the county with his father in 1818, many years later described the buffalo trails, 20 to 30 feet wide and in some places two feet deep, which led from the prairie to the salt licks. New Lick, not far from Salt River, Buffalo Lick on Buffalo Creek, and Salt Lick on Spencer Creek were the largest salines in the county.

The region, dotted with the newly-built homes of settlers, was organized into a county two years before Missouri became a state. Pike County, cut from St. Charles County, was created by an act of the Territorial Legislature, December 14, 1818, and named in honor of Zebulon Pike, the famous explorer. The county, which included all of Missouri Territory north of Lincoln County to the Iowa line, was bounded on the west by a line running from Cedar Creek in Boone County northward along the dividing ridge between the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Pike County as originally organized included an area from which were later formed nine entire counties and parts of six others. The county seat was located at Louisiana, where a small jail and courthouse were built.

In 1820 John Walter Basye, a Kentuckian, brought his family to the "top of the hill," one of the two highest points in the county, the site of the future city of Bowling Green. Mr. Basye built a log house there and named the settlement for his Kentucky home. In 1828 he built and operated a grist mill in Bowling Green, and the following year he built another log house near the mill. The two rooms of this house are included in the home, still standing,



*Lewis, Das Illustrierte Mississippthal*  
**Louisiana, Missouri, in 1848**

where four generations of the Basye family have lived. A marker was erected at this site by the Pike County Historical Society in 1955.

Two years after the arrival of the Basye family in Bowling Green, commissioners were appointed to relocate the county seat at a place not to exceed two miles from the center of the county. Bowling Green was chosen, and the first courthouse, built of logs, was completed in 1823 at a cost of \$75. It was replaced by a brick structure in 1829, which in turn gave place to another building in 1845. The building burned in 1863 and, until it was replaced five years later, the business of the court was carried on at the jail. In 1917 a courthouse of Indiana Bedford stone with trimmings of Carthage marble was constructed at a cost of \$90,000.

With the settlement of Pike County, churches of the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian denominations were established. Circuit riders of the Methodist Church served the early settlements, and Buffalo Circuit was organized in 1817. The Reverend Anthony Cassad, in charge of the circuit in 1821, organized congregations in Louisiana, Bowling Green, and Ashley.

The Reverend Stephen Ruddle organized the Ramsey's Creek Baptist congregation in 1817. Baptist churches in the county,

Ramsey's Creek, Peno, and Bethlehem, comprised three of the six Baptist congregations which established the Salt River Baptist Association at a meeting on Peno Creek, August 23, 1823.

The Reverend John Matthews founded an Old School Presbyterian congregation in the Buffalo settlement in 1818. He continued to preach there until 1832, when a new organization was effected by the Cumberland Presbyterians under the charge of the Reverend J. W. Campbell. The Reverend Campbell organized a congregation in Bowling Green in 1838. The first presbytery to be convened in Missouri was held in 1820 in Pike County, about six miles southwest of Bowling Green, at the home of a member of the Antioch Church, organized in 1819.

Bowling Green had no house of worship until a brick church, intended for the use of all denominations, was erected in 1845. The bell installed in the church was from the steamboat, *Wyota*, owned by John McCune, who operated a line of steamboats from Keokuk to St. Louis. Previously the *Salt River Journal* had carried announcements of "preaching at candlelight" at the John W. Basye home, the Bowling Green Academy, and the courthouse.

An Episcopal church built in the county before the Civil War still stands. In 1846 a group of settlers from Albemarle County, Virginia, joined with a Lincoln County group in Episcopal worship. They built a church in Prairieville, now called Eolia, which observed its 100th anniversary in 1956.

The fine cultural inheritance of the Pike County settlers was also evidenced in their numerous institutions of higher learning. The first school in the county was taught in old Buffalo Fort, and the Reverend John Matthews taught the second school in 1818 at Louisiana. An academy was chartered at Louisiana in 1822 with a special provision that there be no compulsion to teach the French language, and another academy was chartered there in 1839. In 1863 the Methodist Church in Louisiana founded the North Missouri Male and Female Institute, which soon passed to the control of the Old School Presbyterians and was later sold to the Baptists. A. J. McCune purchased the school in 1881, and it was continued successfully for a number of years as McCune College.

The first school in Bowling Green was taught in 1825-1826 by Edmund Basye in his mother's loom house. Pike Academy opened in 1838, and a female school was established four years later. In 1870 the academy was razed to give place to a public school. I. W.



Basye bought a portion of the old fairgrounds in 1866 and used the main building on the grounds for a normal school. After the building burned in 1868 he used a room in his house and rented other rooms. The Basye Normal continued for ten years. Pike College, first called Bowling Green College, was founded in 1881 by J. D. Meriwether. In 1916 the college closed when the building was purchased for public school use.

The foundation for Watson Seminary at Ashley was laid by the will of Samuel Watson, who bequeathed to his slave, Esther, the sum of \$500 if she should live to become too old or infirm to support herself. The fund was to be administered by the county court, with the stipulation that \$200 of the sum, if left, should be set apart for the support of a free school for the poor. Watson bequeathed an additional sum of \$100 for the support of the school with the provision that the entire sum of \$300 was to be loaned by the county court and the interest added to the principal until a free school was established by law. The State Legislature established the Watson free school in 1843. It was later decided that an institution of higher learning be established from the Watson fund and from the moneys accruing from the fines of law violators when the sum reached \$2,000. In 1853 various localities bid for the site, and Ashley secured the location with a donation of more than \$4,000 and four acres of land. The school opened in 1855 and continued until 1916. The Pike County Historical Society sponsored the erection of a marker at the site of the old seminary, April 6, 1957.

Pike County was a leader in the good roads movement at an early date and probably held first place outside St. Louis County in miles of all-weather roads before the war. Between the years 1858 and 1863 sixty-three miles of gravel and macadamized roads were built in the county. As part of this early system of turnpikes a plank road was planned from Louisiana through Bowling Green and Ashley to Middletown on the northern edge of Montgomery County. Construction proceeded slowly, and the first eleven miles of road were completed to Bowling Green seven years after work started in 1852. The oak planking, two and one-half inches thick and eight and one-half feet wide, failed to hold up under traffic and floods, and road companies began to replace the wornout sections with gravel. Plans for the extension of the old plank road were never completed, but gravel was used instead. Part of the

route of the plank road is now covered by U. S. Highway 54 between Louisiana and Bowling Green. Fixed toll rates aided in the upkeep of the roads in the county.

The early settlers, with a love of the land inherited from English ancestors and traditions of the old South, sought to preserve the upland pastures and spared the ax from the timber of the wooded forests. They were proud of their fine blooded horses and other livestock. In the 1840's Bowling Green had a race track, and a jockey club was organized. An agricultural and mechanical society was formed at Ashley in 1841, and the Pike County Agricultural and Mechanical Society was organized after the Civil War. Fairs, where Pike Countians could exhibit their livestock and agricultural products, were held first at Ashley and later at Bowling Green.

The Mississippi River hillsides were found to be adaptable to fruit growing. In 1816 James Stark grafted scions of apple trees he had brought in his saddle bags from Kentucky on a few seedling trees. This was the beginning of the Stark Nursery which, under the direction of his descendants, has become one of the largest and oldest nurseries in the United States with branches throughout the country. The James Stark cabin was moved to Louisiana from the nearby hills in 1952 and opened as a museum.



**Stark Pioneer Cabin**

The natural resources of the county favored the establishment of other early industries. In 1837 the county had four steam mills for flour and eight sawmills. Tobacco factories were numerous in the region before the Civil War. B. B. Mineral Springs, discovered by Ephraim Beebe in 1886, near Bowling Green, led to the establishment of a spa in a 20-acre park. Limestone quarries near Bowling

Green and Louisiana operated in the late 1800's. At Carbon Springs, northeast of Bowling Green, I. R. Stevens manufactured soda pop in 1895.

Louisiana and Clarksville, located on the Mississippi River, became the important trading centers of the county. In 1828 it was said that Louisiana occupied the finest town site and had the

best landing on the Mississippi above St. Louis. In 1848 stock was offered to subscribers for the erection of a wharf there. In the 1870's there was no wharf house but the levee was two blocks long, and there was always a handsome packet tied up at the wharf. Inland freight was shipped there by boat and hauled by wagons to inland points, and products from the interior were hauled to Louisiana for shipment. The river front was the most active part of the city. Louisiana became one of the best lumber markets in the State, with millions of feet shipped annually. The annual street and river festival sponsored in recent years by the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce pays tribute to the town as a river port.

Clarksville, enclosed by the picturesque Mississippi River bluffs, was located on the site of an Indian stockade of the War of 1812. John Miller, who later served as governor of Missouri, laid out the town in 1819. In the early days it was called "Appletown" by the river men because of the great quantities of apples shipped from its port. A flour mill built in 1856 later became known as the Imperial Mill, and in 1884 it had a capacity of 60,000 barrels of flour a year. The manufacture of vinegar and cider brought fame to the locality. Cider manufactured there won a prize at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1904. For several years the only paper mill in Missouri was operated in Clarksville. Eight important factories were located there by 1884, with thousands of dollars invested in factories and shops. Two bicycle races were held near Clarksville in 1886, with contestants attending from all over the State. The races were held on the Belt Road, famous as the best graveled road in the Middle West.

The first newspaper in the county, the old *Salt River Journal*, established in Bowling Green in 1835 by Oliver Harris, a printer, and A. B. Chambers, a lawyer, had a great influence in North Missouri and often sold for as much as 50 cents a copy. In 1841 the name was changed to *The Radical*, but the paper continued to pursue an independent policy. Three years later it became a Democratic paper and from January, 1845, was known as the *Democratic Banner*. In April, 1846, the *Democratic Banner* was moved to Louisiana.

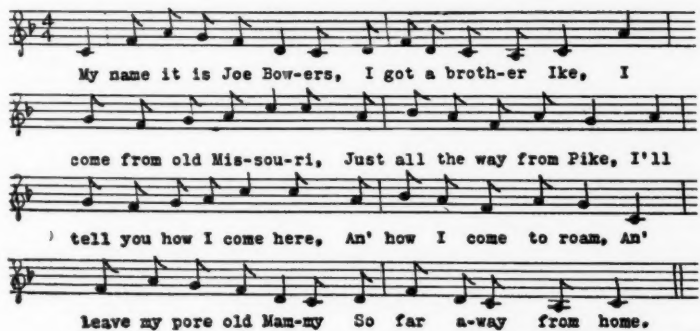
Other early Bowling Green newspapers were *The Olive Branch*, established in 1841 and devoted to agriculture, religion, and moral essays; the *Bowling Green Journal*, founded in 1844 and later sold to the Cumberland Presbyterians, who made it a religious paper under the name of *Seventy-Six*; and the *Pike County Post*, estab-

lished in 1871 to further the building of the Short Line Railroad.

The *Pike County Express*, lineal ancestor of the *Bowling Green Times*, was founded at Curryville in 1875 and the following year moved to Bowling Green where it became an independent and a Greenback organ. Although the name was changed to the *Bowling Green Times* in 1880, it remained an independent paper until 1881 when W. F. Mayhall, the editor, began to espouse the cause of the Democratic county candidates. The *Times* is now under the capable direction of Bonham G. Freeman and B. Wayne Freeman, associate editors.

The *Louisiana Press-Journal*, the only other surviving newspaper of the nine published in the county 50 years ago, has preserved in its title the memory of an older paper influential in the formation of a strong Democratic Party in the county. The *Louisiana Journal* was the remote ancestor of a paper called the *American Union*, established in 1859. The *Journal* claimed to be American to the very core and, during the Civil War, never wavered in its devotion to the Union, although it criticized the policies of the administration in the conduct of the war. In 1864 Radicals mobbed the *Journal* office; the presses were broken and thrown out the window, and type was scattered in the street. The *Journal* did not cease publication, but it changed somewhat in policy while the candidates were being nominated for the 1864 elections, feeling that four years of misrule had put the seal of condemnation on the Republican party. The *Journal* ceased publication on May 27, 1893, but in March, 1902, the *Louisiana Missouri Press*, founded in 1872, changed its name to *Louisiana Press-Journal* in honor of the old paper and is now capably edited by Victor A. Gierke and J. R. Morrison.

The history of Pike County has been partially inscribed by the trend of great national events. A number of the early settlers served as rangers under General Zachary Taylor in the War of 1812. Pike County furnished troops for the Black Hawk War in 1832 and the Mexican War in 1847. During the California gold rush of 1849 many left the county with high hopes. From this long trek originated two songs, sung by successive generations, which became associated with Pike County. The tribulations of love-torn Joe Bowers and the related ballad, *Sweet Betsy from Pike*, were sung after the war by minstrel companies all over the country. It is popular belief that Joe Bowers was a real person who left Pike



Randolph, Ozark Folksongs, II

#### Joe Bowers

For last four verses see "Missouri History Not Found in Textbooks"

County with one of the "trains" formed for the trip to the gold fields. Governor Lon V. Stephens signed a law in 1897 providing for a monument to Joe Bowers at the State capitol, saying that "he had done more than a thousand other men to publicize Missouri," but the monument was never erected.

Pike County furnished many soldiers to both sides during the Civil War, but only Union companies were formed in the county. The first step taken was the organization of eight companies of home guards with 30 to 130 men enrolled in each. In June, 1861, salutes from a six-pound gun were fired by the home guards upon the arrival of the river steamer, *Hawkeye*, at the Louisiana levee with 240 stands of ammunition from St. Louis. Early in August, 1861, the home guards organized into a regiment known as the Fifth Missouri Militia. Several other companies of infantry and cavalry were composed of Pike County men. A few enrolled militia and citizens of the town successfully defended Ashley against a guerilla force of more than 100 men, August 28, 1862. This was the only encounter in the county during the war.

After the war railroads were built through the county. As early as 1837 the State Legislature chartered a railroad from Louisiana to Columbia, and the line was surveyed but never built. In July, 1871, the first train of the Louisiana and Missouri River Railroad, owned by the Chicago and Alton (now the Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio), ran through Bowling Green on the road from Louisiana to Mexico. The Quincy, Alton, and St. Louis Railroad (Chicago,

Burlington, and Quincy) opened in 1871 from Quincy, Illinois, to Louisiana. In 1879 the St. Louis, Keokuk, and Northwestern (Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy), running parallel to the Mississippi River, was opened from Keokuk to St. Peters, Missouri. The St. Louis and Hannibal, called the Short Line, was completed in 1882 and ran through Bowling Green on the route from Gilmore to Hannibal.

The Chicago and Alton railroad bridge at Louisiana, the third railroad bridge built across the Mississippi River touching the boundaries of Missouri, opened in 1873. Built at a cost of \$685,000, the construction was so perfect that one man could open and close the bridge in calm weather without the aid of the steam engine. The wrought-iron structure, 2,042 feet long and with approaches totaling 5,000 feet, at the time it was constructed had the largest draw section in the world.

At the close of the war the population of the county did not much exceed 20,000, but in 1880 the number had reached 27,000. School property greatly increased in value from 1870 to 1880, with an increase of 3,000 pupils in attendance. In 1870 there were 38 churches in the county, and ten years later the number had increased to 44. New businesses were established and better homes built. Prosperity and progress has continued in Pike County to the present day. Bowling Green is one of the few North Missouri cities to show a population increase in the 1940-1950 period.

Pike County also represents a region where a way of life and a people have produced outstanding public leaders. From earliest days the Pike County Bar has been celebrated for the number, excellency, and brilliancy of its members. In 1883 Champ Clark listed the men from Pike who had held important state and national offices. The first on the list was John Brooks Henderson, who was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the United States Senate for Trusten Polk in 1862 and was elected for a six-year term to the same office in 1863. In the Senate he was the author of the Thirteenth Amendment and advocated Negro suffrage, which formed the basis of the Fifteenth Amendment.

The Clark list also included seven Congressmen (W. A. Harris, George W. Anderson, Gilchrist Porter, D. P. Dyer, A. H. Buckner, James O. Broadhead, and Granville H. Oury); three judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri (Rufus Pettibone, John R. Jones, and T. J. C. Fagg); one judge of the Supreme Court of Oregon (Judge Peter H. Burnett); one lieutenant governor (R. A. Campbell);

one state auditor (Dan M. Draper); one minister to a foreign court (W. A. Harris); six circuit judges (Ezra Hunt, A. H. Buckner, T. J. C. Fagg, Gilchrist Porter, Elijah Robinson, and Foster P. Wright); one United States District Attorney (D. P. Dyer); and one member of the Congress of the Texas Republic under Houston (Granville H. Oury).

Since 1883 many more distinguished names might be added to the list. Champ Clark, himself, was destined to become the first Missourian to serve as speaker of the national House. He represented Missouri in Congress for 26 years, won fame as a leading orator of the nation, and led in the Baltimore Democratic national convention of 1912 for the presidential nomination on 29 ballots with a clear majority on eight. His statue on the courthouse lawn at Bowling Green, erected by the State in 1926, stands as a fitting tribute to his illustrious career.

Bennett Champ Clark, his son, served as parliamentarian of the national House from 1913 to 1917 and as a member of the United States Senate from 1933 to 1945. He was one of the 17 charter members and an incorporator of the American Legion.

Many other Pike Countians have become distinguished leaders in the State. Among them are Elliott W. Major, Missouri's "good roads and good schools" governor from 1913 to 1917, and Lloyd C. Stark, who was elected governor in 1936 and gained national prominence by challenging the political machine of Tom Pendergast, Kansas City political boss. Stark had been influential in the improvement of Missouri's highway system before he served as governor. In 1926 he became one of the four charter holders of the Mississippi River Bridge at Louisiana and was also elected president of the Missouri-Illinois Bridge Company. He was chairman of its executive committee, charged with the responsibility of



*Courtesy Mrs. Robert L. Motley*

**Champ Clark Statue in Bowling Green**



building the great highway bridge over the Mississippi River at Louisiana. In June, 1928, the beautiful million-dollar Champ Clark Memorial Bridge at Louisiana was dedicated and opened. In 1928 Stark was appointed chairman of the Citizens' Road Committee to conduct the campaign for the \$75,000,000 highway bond issue. The bond issue carried by a large majority due to his organizing skill and energetic leadership. His earnest plea for a new system of farm-to-market roads earned for him the distinction of being called the "Father of the Farm to Market Road System" in Missouri. In 1931 he served as chairman of the U. S. Highway 54 Association. The present lieutenant governor of Missouri, Edward V. Long, is a former Pike County prosecuting attorney and Bowling Green city attorney and served as a member of the Missouri Senate from 1945 to 1957.

A plaque, presented to the county by the Pike County Historical Society and the Navy Mothers Club of Louisiana, was dedicated to the late Rear Admiral William Reynolds Purnell in the Pike County Courthouse, July 2, 1956. Rear Admiral Purnell served as chief of staff to Admiral William F. Halsey in World War II and was awarded the distinguished service medal for planning and aiding the American offensive in the Pacific.

The imposing roster of prominent men from Pike County forms a brilliant chapter in the history of the county, state, and nation. The Bowling Green highway historical marker which we dedicate today commemorates a region symbolizing the best in American life.



## TOURISTS' IMPRESSIONS OF ST. LOUIS, 1766-1859

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### PART I

St. Louis, with its romantic history and French tradition, its accessibility by primary trade and transportation routes, and its location for a considerable time on the frontier, attracted many visitors. St. Louis was the gateway to the Rockies, to Oregon, to Santa Fe, and to Mexico; consequently, tourists and immigrants on their way to the West were funneled through it.

Many travelers recorded their impressions in the form of diaries, subscription histories, or immigrants' guides. These accounts were not written as objective history, nor were the writers historians. Each gave an impression or glimpse of St. Louis as he saw it. Taken as a composite, the accounts give the reader a general picture of the town's growth from the colonial period to the Civil War.

One of the first travelers to view the young village was Harry Gordon, a captain of engineers in the British army. Gordon made his visit in 1766 while on his way northward with a military command detailed to occupy the old French forts and towns in the Illinois country. At that time St. Louis was nothing more than an outpost, but Gordon wrote that Pierre Laclède, the founder of St. Louis and its principal trader, had established a trade which extended northward to Lake Michigan and westward up the Missouri. Gordon regarded Laclède as a great competitor of the British and felt that the trader would give the British much trouble in their efforts to establish trading interests on the Mississippi.<sup>1</sup>

Another British engineer captain, Philip Pittman, visited St. Louis shortly after Gordon. Pittman noted that the population consisted mainly of former residents of Cahokia and Fort Chartres who had moved across the Mississippi to St. Louis rather than be

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<sup>1</sup>Harry Gordon's journal, quoted in Clarence Walworth Alvord and Clarence Edwin Carter, editors, *The New Regime, 1765-1767* (Springfield, Illinois, 1916), 300.

subjected to British control. At the time of Pittman's visit the village consisted of a few trading company buildings and about 40 private dwellings.<sup>2</sup>

Jean Baptiste Perrault, a French-Canadian voyageur who traded on the Lower Mississippi in 1783, wrote that the Spanish closely controlled the river traffic to prevent the shipment of British goods up the Mississippi. Perrault and his party from Montreal, desiring to trade with the British at Cahokia, passed St. Louis under cover of darkness to avoid interception by the Spaniards. The St. Louis merchant-trapper, Auguste Chouteau, did manage to sneak across the river to Cahokia and exchange furs for Perrault's trade goods during the winter of 1783.<sup>3</sup>

St. Louis occupied an advantageous strategic position for any power which wished to control the Mississippi Valley and the approaches to the Missouri. In 1796 George H. Collot, a French staff officer, was sent to the Mississippi Valley by the French Minister in Washington, D. C. During his trip Collot visited St. Louis and, in evaluating the strategic merits of the town, observed that

a fortified St. Louis could prevent any concerted attack from the Upper Mississippi, the Illinois, and the Missouri. Such fortification could also prevent any force from descending the Ohio and taking New Madrid, located at the juncture of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Collot, of course, considered England as the potential aggressor and evidently looked forward to the day when France would once again control St. Louis and the Mississippi Valley.



*Courtesy Missouri Historical Society*

**Government House, St. Louis, 1804**

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Collot added that the strategic value of St. Louis was exceeded by its commercial promise. He felt that the town would become a sub-metropolis of New Orleans as it would "stand in the same

<sup>2</sup>Frank H. Hodder, editor, *The Present State of the European Settlements on the Mississippi, . . . by Captain Philip Pittman* [an exact reprint of the original edition, London, 1770] (Cleveland, 1906), 94.

<sup>3</sup>John Sharpless Fox, editor, "Narrative of the Travels and Adventures of a Merchant Voyageur . . . by Jean Baptiste Perrault," *Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections*, XXXVII (Lansing, 1910), 516.

relation to New Orleans as Albany to New York."<sup>4</sup> He envisaged St. Louis as the future depot of extensive river commerce and the center of the fur trade.

Another French traveler, Francois Marie Perrin du Lac, was very critical of the Spanish administration. He believed that St. Louis would have been more prosperous under any government other than that of Spain, as the Spaniards did not take advantage of the great opportunities available in St. Louis; as a result the town, which should have been the granary of Lower Louisiana, barely had enough foodstuffs to sustain the meagre population. During Perrin du Lac's tour in 1802, squirrel skins were used as a type of commodity money in the village, and only the military garrison was paid in legal tender.<sup>5</sup>

Thomas Ashe, an English explorer, visited St. Louis during his exploration of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in 1806 and noted that the town consisted of about 1,800 inhabitants, 300 houses, and several large merchantile stores. Ashe testified to the generally favorable climate of the area, which was noted for its gardens and fruit trees. This Britisher felt that the moral standards of the town had decayed since the French stock had been diluted by Americans who introduced billiards and gaming, and pursued drunkenness, fighting, and violence "with as much zeal as they are [pursued] in the Virginian and Kentuckyan States."<sup>6</sup>

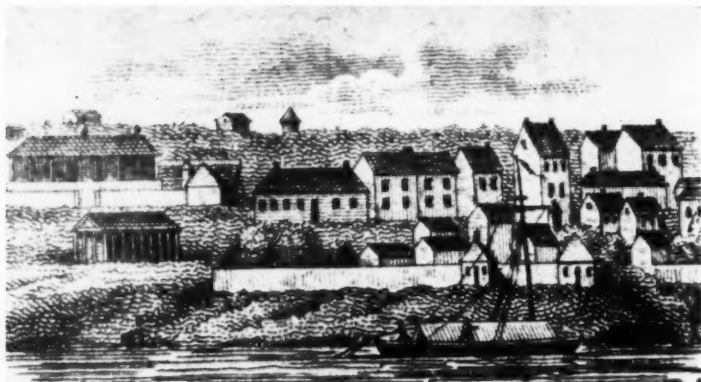
John Bradbury, the well known explorer and naturalist, made his initial observations of St. Louis in 1809 and reported that some of the town's meat supply was provided by the Shawnee Indians, who lived about 70 miles up the Missouri. These natives supplied bear, deer, and turkeys for the nominal charge of 25 cents for a turkey or a quarter of venison.

Bradbury was a much closer student of history and economics than most travelers. One of his chief interests was the land system of the original nine French towns located in the Mississippi Valley. Bradbury felt that the historic town and commons system with the long narrow strips of land and the common pastures and forests was a definite deterrent to progressive agriculture. He believed

<sup>4</sup>"Description of St. Louis; Report of French Staff Officer—1796," [translated from G. H. V. Collot, *Voyages dans l'Amerique Septentrionale*], Missouri Historical Society, *Glimpses of the Past*, I (March 1934), 21.

<sup>5</sup>Francois Marie Perrin du Lac, *Travels Through the Two Louisianas and Among the Savage Nations of the Missouri* (London, 1807), 47.

<sup>6</sup>Thomas Ashe, *Travels in America Performed in 1806 for the Purpose of Exploring The Rivers Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio, and Mississippi* (London, 1808), 290.



Partial View of St. Louis in 1816, from engraving on Bank of St. Louis banknote

that the French were much too attached to the traditional land system and was very critical of them for not adopting American methods, which would have enabled them to cultivate more land with less effort.<sup>7</sup>

St. Louis, with its white, lime-coated buildings, showed to the greatest advantage from a distance according to Timothy Flint, as the crudeness of the buildings was apparent upon closer inspection.<sup>8</sup> Flint, a missionary from New Haven, Connecticut, first visited St. Louis in 1816 and later lived in the St. Charles area. He was impressed by the site of the town, likening it to Albany, New York, a comparison recorded by later observers, perhaps in imitation of Flint. Flint felt that the Americans had given a strong economic impulse to St. Louis business and commerce after the War of 1812. Before the American immigration the town was dirty and backward, said the missionary, but American enterprise stimulated the lead and fur trade and the general business activity. Flint recorded that some 100 houses were built in 1818 and that by 1820 the town contained 600 houses and 6,000 inhabitants.

The location of St. Louis afforded natural advantages which Flint felt would assuredly make the village a great city. He emphasized the importance of central location, through which the entire

<sup>7</sup>John Bradbury, *Travels in the Interior of America, in the Years 1809, 1810, and 1811* (Liverpool, 1817), 261-63.

<sup>8</sup>Timothy Flint, *Recollections of the Last Ten Years* (Boston, 1826), 110.

trade of the interior could be controlled. Flint believed that St. Louis possessed advantages over any town on the Ohio River because, unlike the Ohio, the Mississippi did not have seasonal low water which deterred steamboating; consequently there was always a direct commercial link between St. Louis and New Orleans. Navigation difficulties on the Ohio caused some travelers to go overland to St. Louis and then by water to New Orleans.<sup>9</sup> The importance of steamboats to the river town was recognized by Flint in the first years of steamboating, an observation which certainly proved accurate for many decades.

Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, the geologist and explorer, initially came to St. Louis in 1818 while on his way to inspect the lead mines of the region. Many of the 550 buildings in the village were constructed of stone, he wrote, and the total population approximated 5,000. Schoolcraft pictured St. Louis as a rather complete town with most of the ordinary trades and callings established. He noted about 40 stores, a post office, a land office, three banks, a brewery, two distilleries, two water-powered mills, one steam flour mill, and one ox-powered mill. This traveler was laudatory in his description of the town, claiming its "situation in point of beauty, health, and convenience, is rarely equalled, and no place in the world, situated so far from the ocean, can at all compare with it, for commercial advantages."<sup>10</sup>

Three years later Schoolcraft revisited St. Louis and wrote that it now stretched for nearly a mile along the river, with lines of steamboats and barges giving it an almost city-like appearance. Once again he praised the town, pointing out the improvement in general appearance during the three years. The great trade hinterland of St. Louis was evident to Schoolcraft, as he envisaged the city as the future entrepot of a vast producing area. He criticized only the "unhealthiness" prevalent during his three-year absence and compared the summertime fevers to those of some sections in Italy, where the Italians blamed the mal'aria or bad air.<sup>11</sup>

By 1819 St. Louis had acquired a reputation as an outfitting point for explorers, trappers, and adventurers. The Yellowstone Expedition commanded by Stephen H. Long was formally organized

<sup>9</sup>Timothy Flint, *A Condensed Geography and History of the Western States or the Mississippi Valley* (Cincinnati, 1828), II, 97-98.

<sup>10</sup>Henry R. Schoolcraft, *A View of the Lead Mines of Missouri* (New York, 1819), 242.

<sup>11</sup>Henry R. Schoolcraft, *Travels in Central Portions of the Mississippi Valley* (New York, 1825), 228.

at St. Louis and partially outfitted by local merchants. Edwin James, a member of the expedition, believed that the recent influx of Easterners had contributed to the increased wealth and enterprise of St. Louis. He acknowledged that the city had the location of an important commercial center but contended that the lack of a good harbor would prove a serious deterrent to its development. According to James, the St. Louis harbor did not provide the boats adequate protection from the current and floating ice.<sup>12</sup>

Paul Wilhelm, Duke of Wuerttemberg, a German naturalist, was a young man of 26 when he visited St. Louis in 1823. His writing shows the impressionistic nature of a youth who was treated kindly and consequently praised the town and its inhabitants. The Duke claimed St. Louis had "risen to a very respectable position" with "broad streets, some already partly paved."<sup>13</sup> The stores were filled with all types of goods, which he claimed were nearly as cheap as provisions in Eastern cities. He advised all prospective travelers that St. Louis was the best place to outfit for any trip to the western prairies or up the Missouri, because local merchants had a good supply of Indian trade goods, and experienced guides could be contracted in St. Louis.

William Newnham Blane, a self-styled English gentleman, wrote a somewhat disparaging account of St. Louis after his visit in 1823. Blane recorded that the town had only 2,000 to 3,000 inhabitants, which he said was 1,000 less than the population of 1815. He accredited this decrease in population and prosperity to the "dreadful sickness, and partly to the rivalry of the villages which are springing up on the banks of the Missouri and upper Mississippi, and which now participate in the furtrade with the Indians."<sup>14</sup> Blane was one of the first of the gentleman-tourist observers to visit the Mississippi Valley and was a definite contrast to such earlier observers as Ashe, Flint, and Schoolcraft.

In almost direct contrast to Blane, Gottfried Duden, the German visitor, was impressed with St. Louis and its environs. Duden's *Report*, an emigrant's guide designed to impress Germans with

<sup>12</sup>Reuben Gold Thwaites, editor, *Early Western Travels*, XIV [Edwin James, *Account of an Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains*], (Cleveland, 1905), 109.

<sup>13</sup>William G. Bek, editor, "First Journey to North America in the Years 1822 to 1824," [translated from a manuscript written by Paul Wilhelm, Duke of Wuerttemberg], *South Dakota Historical Collections*, XIX (Pierre, 1938), 225.

<sup>14</sup>William Newnham Blane, *An Excursion Through the United States and Canada During the Years 1822-23* (London, 1824), 195.

the promise and potential of Missouri, is credited with encouraging many to move to Missouri and was certainly one of the stimulants to German migration in the 1830's. Duden reported the population of 1825 at approximately 6,000, a growth of 4,800 since 1810, and he expressed surprise that the population did not increase more rapidly, since the location was excellent. He gave token recognition to transportation problems by noting that the Mississippi River ferryboat at St. Louis was propelled by two horses which walked a treadmill. He reported the fare to be \$2.50 for a team and wagon.<sup>15</sup>

J. C. Beltrami, an Italian tourist, made a very concise statement of the commercial importance of St. Louis during his observations of 1823. He reported that the village of 7,000 was the supply base for many Indian traders, army garrisons, and new settlements.<sup>16</sup> Supplies for St. Louis were imported from Europe by way of New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, while New Orleans was the port of entry for the products of the West Indies and South America. Beltrami gave the impression that the trade of St. Louis was flourishing and that prosperity prevailed.

A prophecy that St. Louis "may yet become the capital of a great nation"<sup>17</sup> was made by Bernhard, Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, who passed through in 1826. The Duke, on leave from his military duties with the King of the Netherlands, claimed to make the trip solely for pleasure and relaxation. His prophecy was evidently based on the favorable location of St. Louis since he gave no further analysis of his statement. Bernhard reported that the town, which was laid out with the main street parallel to the river and intersected by several side streets, had some 4,000 inhabitants. The Duke noted the newness of the town, saying that most of the houses were recently-completed, two-story, brick structures.

Captain Basil Hall, on leave from the British Royal Navy, accompanied by his wife, Margaret, visited St. Louis in May, 1828. Evidently Hall's account circulated widely in England, as subsequent English travelers often referred to it. Hall, unimpressed with the small village on the Mississippi, was forced to admit that

<sup>15</sup>William G. Bek, "Gottfried Duden's 'Report,' 1824-1827," [translated from *Bericht ueber eine Reise nach den westlichen Staaten Nordamerikas* (1829)], *Missouri Historical Review*, XII (October 1917), 20-21.

<sup>16</sup>J. C. Beltrami, *A Pilgrimage in Europe and America* (London, 1828), 121.

<sup>17</sup>Bernhard, Duke of Saxe-Weimar Eisenach, *Travels Through North America During the Years 1825 and 1826* (Philadelphia, 1828), II, 96.





*From a painting by Pomarede in Day, Pictorial St. Louis*

**The First Steam Ferry in Missouri, the *St. Clair*, Began Taking Passengers Across the Mississippi at St. Louis in 1828**

they were hospitably received "in a style of elegance we certainly never expected to find in so remote a corner of the globe."<sup>18</sup> Hall wrote little about St. Louis and was completely oblivious to any type of economic development. His wife, Margaret, however, in the best tradition of her sex, went on a downtown shopping trip and discovered to her delight that the shops had a great variety of goods.<sup>19</sup>

Caleb Atwater, the pioneer American anthropologist, wrote a flattering account of the economic development of St. Louis during his investigation of the nearby Indian mounds in 1829. Atwater estimated the population at 7,000 and the number of stores at 40. The general appearance of the town with its limestone-paved streets and some "large and elegant" stores made a favorable impression. Trans-Mississippi River transportation was provided "by a steam ferry boat, carrying passengers, wagons, carriages of all sorts, horses, cattle, and everything else, which it is necessary to transport from bank to bank of the river."<sup>20</sup>

<sup>18</sup>Basil Hall, *Travels in North America* (Philadelphia, 1829), II, 309.

<sup>19</sup>Una Pope-Hennessy, editor, *The Aristocratic Journey; being the outspoken letters of Mrs. Basil Hall . . . 1827-1828* (New York, 1931), 275.

<sup>20</sup>Caleb Atwater, *The Writings of Caleb Atwater* (Cincinnati, 1833), 214.



The shortage of artisans in St. Louis led Atwater to describe the many business opportunities. He assured readers of the need for cabinetmakers, joiners, bricklayers, tailors, tanners, masons, and mechanics of all sorts. Some of Atwater's traveling acquaintances were mechanics from Pittsburgh and Baltimore, and two days after arriving he reported "that their living cost them about half what it did, whither they had come from; and their wages were now fully double what they had heretofore received for similar services."<sup>21</sup>

Low living costs, according to Atwater, were made possible by the commercial connections with Baltimore and Philadelphia from which goods were shipped to St. Louis for one cent a pound. He also noted that all sorts of foreign goods were available in the town. Atwater reported that the most common fuel in St. Louis was not wood but fossil coal, which sold at twelve and one-half cents a bushel.

St. Louis commerce, said Atwater, was largely based on the American Fur Company's trade, commercial transportation, and government purchases. The Indian trade goods of the fur company were usually imported from England. Atwater noted the importance of steamers which regularly plied the Missouri as far as Franklin, the Upper Mississippi, and the Lower Mississippi to New Orleans, the source of molasses, sugar, cotton, alum, and coffee. Imports from Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Louisville were whiskey, beer, ale, pork, flour, beef, iron castings, bolts, gunpowder, and hemp. Atwater estimated the value of lead exports from St. Louis at \$10,000,000 annually.

Atwater predicted that St. Louis would become a great center for the Upper Mexican and transcontinental trade which he estimated in 1829 to be several hundred thousand dollars annually. The Mexican trade routes were on a nearly direct line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Atwater commented, "and when our settlements reach the latter, as they soon will, the trade between this valley and that ocean, will all, or nearly all, pass through this town."<sup>22</sup> Atwater's enthusiastic belief in the commercial greatness of St. Louis was certainly a clear enunciation of the optimism of a young and expanding nation.

The development of land was sadly neglected in St. Louis, wrote Atwater. The cleared land within nine or ten miles of the

<sup>21</sup>*Ibid.*, 212.

<sup>22</sup>*Ibid.*, 221.

city had been allowed to grow over with brush and was not tilled. Atwater felt that the enterprising Bostonians, Philadelphians, or citizens of Nashville would not have permitted such fertile land to lie fallow and believed that the inhabitants of St. Louis neglected the surrounding country because of the attraction of town life. The rich land, according to Atwater, sold for the rather nominal price of three to four dollars an acre on the Missouri side of the river and for one dollar and a quarter an acre on the Illinois side.

Much of the wealth of St. Louis came from the Federal Government, as the army, navy, and Indian Department all made purchases there. Atwater noticed that six military posts relied on St. Louis for all their provisions. The traveler observed the local dependence for lumber on Pittsburgh and the Allegheny River region, as all boards and scantling were imported from that area. The prices on building items were higher than in either Cincinnati or Louisville but were considerably cheaper than Atwater had anticipated. The dependence on Pittsburgh would end, Atwater believed, once the forest lands of the Gasconade River area and of Wisconsin could be opened.

Except for his criticism of the use of land, Atwater had only praise for St. Louis and its community enterprise. He saw St. Louis as the future great city of the West and the Nation. The hint of manifest destiny was clear in his account as he wrote "the framers of our constitution intended the whole country to be filled up with civilized people, and then see what this vast country would be. This process is going on as rapidly as the heart of the patriot can wish, and that process will make St. Louis, situated as it is, the future capital of a great nation."<sup>23</sup>

Judging from the number of published travel accounts, St. Louis was often visited by transients in the 1830's. The increasing size and importance of St. Louis coupled with improved steamboat travel caused the town to be greatly frequented.

The growth of St. Louis was closely linked to the increased river traffic in the early 1830's. James Stuart, a British tourist, reported that the commerce of the western rivers was carried in 350 steamboats and about 4,000 flatboats. He also observed the initial river improvement which was being carried on by Captain Shreve and one of his snagboats.

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<sup>23</sup>*Ibid.*, 223.

Like many other travelers, Stuart believed the location of St. Louis was "very handsome." He estimated the population at about 7,000 and commented on the high degree of business activity and commerce, particularly in lead and furs. By the time of Stuart's visit the teamboat on the Mississippi had been replaced by a steam ferry, which had receipts of about \$70 a day. The boat was reportedly financed by "New York people" and commanded by a New Yorker. The boat's engineer earned \$1,200 annually, which Stuart considered to be a very good income. Stuart was familiar with the writings of Basil Hall and often took specific exception to his remarks that the West was dull and inhospitable.<sup>24</sup>

Another British tourist in 1830, Simon Ansley Ferrall, considered the country around St. Louis to be fertile and seemed somewhat puzzled by the produce shortage which caused a dependence on Louisville and Cincinnati. He attributed the lack of agricultural development in and near St. Louis to the fact that five or six people held a monopoly of the land and kept the prices artificially high. Like most foreign observers, he felt there was little inducement to farming in a slave state.

St. Louis' principal buildings, wrote Ferrall, were the Government house, the theatre, the bank of the United States, and three or four Catholic and Protestant churches. He also reported an abundance of cafes, billiard halls, and dancing houses. Ferrall considered the inhabitants of St. Louis as closer to Europeans in manners and habits than any other people he met in the West. He credited this sophistication to the annual trips of many of the more wealthy people to New Orleans where they became experienced in the social graces.

Ferrall reported that the chief commercial enterprises were the fur trade, the Sante Fe trade, and the lead trade. Great advantages, he noted, were to be derived from the trade with Santa Fe and Mexico, because it was through this trade that the Missouri



*Courtesy John F. McDermott*

**St. Louis Cathedral, 1835**

<sup>24</sup>James Stuart, *Three Years in North America* (New York, 1833), II, 188-95.

frontier could supply itself with much needed specie. He wrote that one trading expedition had returned to Fayette, Missouri, with \$100,000 in coin.<sup>25</sup>

In 1832 Washington Irving and the English writer, Charles Joseph Latrobe, visited St. Louis before commencing the prairie tour. Most of the meaningful remarks on St. Louis were made by Latrobe, as Irving was little concerned with the town. Latrobe wrote that St. Louis had begun to flourish since it had been "over-run by the speculative New Englanders."<sup>26</sup> He saw a new town of American style growing up beside the old French settlement. Like many St. Louis visitors, he credited the New Englanders with great business enterprise.

Patrick Shirreff, a Scotch farmer who came to St. Louis in 1833, was impressed by the extent of commerce and the activity at local markets. He considered St. Louis to be the metropolis of the Mississippi Valley, second only to New Orleans on the entire river. Shirreff saw 16 steamboats on the river at St. Louis in addition to the steam ferry.<sup>27</sup> The markets were well supplied with every type of produce, such as eggplant, eggs, and skinned squirrels, which were brought in and sold by farmers.

Gustave Koerner, who was destined to become an important figure in Illinois politics, arrived in St. Louis from Germany in July, 1833. Koerner arrived during the dull season when the heat was oppressive, the river low, and disease prevalent. Only a few small boats were running, and the usually active trade was stilled. He also reported that there were many fatalities caused by cholera and bilious fever.

In his *Memoirs*, however, Koerner recalled that during the normal trading period St. Louis was an important shipping point as the hemp, tobacco, and corn of upstate Missouri were transported to the city and then forwarded by commission merchants to Memphis, Vicksburg, and New Orleans. The merchants of St. Louis traded dry goods and groceries to the towns of Illinois and Wisconsin in exchange for raw lead. He recalled that one of the principal commission houses engaged in the Santa Fe trade was Edward Tracy & Co., which traded groceries, calico, tinware, and green cheese to the Mexicans in return for silver.

<sup>25</sup>Simon Ansley Ferrall, *A Ramble of Six Thousand Miles Through the United States of America* (London, 1832), 125-28.

<sup>26</sup>Charles Joseph Latrobe, *The Rambler in North America* (London, 1836), I, 235.

<sup>27</sup>Patrick Shirreff, *A Tour Through North America* (Edinburgh, 1835), 264.

The general layout of the town in 1833, said Koerner, consisted of a tier of stone warehouses, taverns, and grog shops on the wharf; retail stores and some homes on Second or Main Street; and mostly residences on Third Street.<sup>28</sup>

Striking differences in travel accounts are usually found in the statistical information such as estimates of population. According to Koerner the population of St. Louis in 1833 was about 8,000. Maximilian, Prince of Wied, the German naturalist, said 6,000 to 8,000<sup>29</sup> while George Catlin, who probably used more imagination than information, estimated 15,000.<sup>30</sup>

Many of the travel accounts, such as the one of Charles F. Hoffman, the New York writer, have only their fluency to recommend them, since information is meagre and vocabulary extensive. In St. Louis, Hoffman found "river craft of every shape and form, from the thousand boatable tributaries of the Mississippi, clustering around the wharfs."<sup>31</sup> Hoffman did notice that the steamboats were often thronged with "emigrants from every country,"<sup>32</sup> who usually came upriver from New Orleans.

His first sight of St. Louis in 1834 filled George Featherstonhaugh, the British geologist, with imaginative recollections of the deeds and travels of Hennepin, LaSalle, and Pere Marquette. Closer examination of the city revealed that his preconceived notion of St. Louis as a quiet little French town was quite erroneous. The displacement of the French and the predominance of the Yankees caused Featherstonhaugh to be "grievously afflicted at the common-place appearance of the shops, and the want of French names over them. To have followed the enterprising Pere Hennepin so far merely to find a street full of Reuben Doolittles and Jeramiah Cushings painted over the doors gave me a sensible chill; but the moment the avaricious looks of the numerous Yankee store-keepers, and their stores well filled with European goods from the Atlantic States, met my eyes, all the romance of Canadian cottages, old French physiognomies, and crowds of Indians walking about, that had been flourishing in my imagination, was completely dispelled. I saw at once that the everlasting Jonathan had struck his roots

<sup>28</sup>Thomas J. McCormack, editor, *Memoirs of Gustave Koerner, 1809-1896* (Cedar Rapids, 1909), I, 286-94.

<sup>29</sup>Reuben Gold Thwaites, editor, *Early Western Travels, XXII* [Maximilian, Prince of Wied, *Travels in the Interior of North America* (London, 1843), translated by H. Evans Lloyd], (Cleveland, 1906), 215.

<sup>30</sup>George Catlin, *North American Indians* (Philadelphia, 1913), II, 33.

<sup>31</sup>Charles F. Hoffman, *A Winter in the West* (New York, 1835), II, 68.

<sup>32</sup>*Ibid.*, II, 98.

deep into the ground, and that the La Sales had given way to Doolittle & Co."<sup>33</sup>

Featherstonhaugh noted that the St. Louis markets were filled with produce and game of all types, which could be purchased very cheaply. He visited the Illinois coal fields, the source of St. Louis' fuel. In 1834 this coal, which retailed at 14 to 16 cents a bushel, was transported the six miles to St. Louis in ox-drawn carts with a capacity of 1,400 pounds. Featherstonhaugh felt that a railroad from the mines to St. Louis would reduce the transportation costs by at least two-thirds.

During his tour of 1834 Charles Augustus Murray, an English nobleman, was not impressed with the general appearance of St. Louis. He did acknowledge that St. Louis commanded a great trade which would undoubtedly increase as both the town and its hinterland were enlarged. He wrote, however, that "the streets [are] narrow, ill-paved, and ill-lighted, and there are but few buildings claiming the traveler's attention, either by their magnitude or beauty."<sup>34</sup> He also contended that the taverns, boarding houses, and hotels were all of poor quality and offered only inferior room and board.

<sup>33</sup>George W. Featherstonhaugh, *Excursion Through the Slave States* (London, 1844), I, 252.

<sup>34</sup>Charles Augustus Murray, *Travels in North America During the Years 1834, 1835, & 1836* (London, 1841), I, 236.

## RECOLLECTIONS OF WHITE OAK COLLEGE

BY MAUD BELL BURTON\*

Have you ever heard of White Oak College? If you lived two or three miles northwest of Macon at any time during the last quarter of the nineteenth century you probably attended school there.

My father, Jacob Bell, who settled here in 1840, also entered 80 acres of timber land to the west and gave an acre of this for the school. The old log cabin was built here in the heart of the virgin timber by the men of the neighborhood, probably after 1850. The school was named for the giant white oaks which reared their lofty branches along with the black oak, pin oak, and massive hickory and sycamore.

The building was a log cabin about 16 feet square, fashioned of hand-hewn logs with the chinks filled with hard, yellow clay, and heated by a roaring fire in the big wood-burning stove.

The seats were a rough combination of desk and seat, each wide enough for two older pupils, and frequently a small child was tucked between. Around the stove were long benches where everyone went to warm and where the little tads sat most of the day with feet sticking out in front. Their only change came when they were occasionally called up to say their "A-B-C's" and later to read, "I see a cat."

Water was carried from an old well about a quarter mile away, one bucket at a time, with a common dipper used by all. It was fun to go after water. Two boys or girls were always ready and waiting. It was so nice to stroll through the woods, throw stones at a squirrel, or scare up a rabbit. Just the idea of being out-of-doors and out-of-school was alluring.

The days seemed rather long and drawn out. There was no course of study, no organization by grades. Each child took the

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White Oak College was located northwest of Macon on the highest ridge of the Wabash divide in Macon County.

books he had or his parents wished him to have. Lessons were assigned, and classes were called up to the front to recite or took turns figuring on the one small blackboard. No one had paper or pencils, but almost every child had a slate on which all written work was prepared. The same plan was followed from day to day, so there was seldom much break in routine.

Much learning was by rote. Hearing history stories repeated from the time you were six until ten or twelve—well, one just absorbed and knew a lot of them. Strangely, the multiplication table did not work out this way for all of us. It took several years for me to master it.

It was impossible for many of the children to attend high school in those days, and often a few ambitious older pupils were taught the beginnings of world history, rhetoric, and algebra.

Oral reading and elocution were stressed. Much time was spent on articulation, inflection, and emphasis. This training was put into practice on Friday afternoons which were given over to "saying pieces." Appleton's<sup>1</sup> and McGuffey's<sup>2</sup> readers were filled with gems of literature. I can still hear again and again the old favorites as from "The Tempest":<sup>3</sup>

And as thus we sat in darkness,  
Each one busy in his prayers,  
"We are lost," the Captain shouted  
As he staggered down the stairs.

But his little daughter whispered  
As she took his icy hand,  
"Isn't God upon the ocean  
Just the same as on the land?"

And for "expression," what could surpass "Lord Ullin's Daughter?"<sup>4</sup> And no one ever tired of hearing those stirring lines from "The Soldier on the Rhine":<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Appleton's *School Readers* were written by William T. Harris, Andrew J. Rickoff, and Mark Bailey, and published by D. Appleton and Company of New York.

<sup>2</sup>William H. McGuffey is best known for his *Eclectic Readers* for elementary schools. The six readers and the *Eclectic Spelling Book* went through many editions, were revised and enlarged, and reached a total sale of 122,000,000 copies.

<sup>3</sup>James Thomas Field, "The Ballad of the Tempest."

<sup>4</sup>Thomas Campbell, "Lord Ullin's Daughter."

<sup>5</sup>Mrs. C. E. S. Norton, "The Soldier on the Rhine."



A soldier of the legion  
lay dying in Algiers.  
There was lack of woman's nursing,  
there was dearth of woman's tears.  
But a comrade stood beside him,  
while his lifeblood ebbed away,  
And bent with pitying glances  
to hear what he might say.  
The dying soldier faltered  
as he took that comrade's hand  
And he said, "I nevermore shall see  
my own, my native land.  
Take a message and a token  
to some distant friends of mine,  
For I was born at Bingen  
at Bingen on the Rhine."

The opening lines of Fitz-Greene Halleck's "Marco Bozarris"  
always thrilled us:

At midnight in his guarded tent,  
The Turk lay dreaming of the hour  
When Greece, her knee in suppliance bent,  
Should tremble at his power.

Often, too, we heard Lord Byron's "The Eve Before Waterloo":

There was a sound of revelry by night,  
And Belgium's capital had gathered then  
Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright  
The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men.

Many a future orator received his inspiration from hearing  
and giving orations, popular in that day, as Mark Antony's stirring  
discourse which begins:

Friends, Romans, countrymen,  
Lend me your ears!<sup>6</sup>

Our patriotism was often stirred to the depths by hearing Daniel  
Webster's "Supposed Speech of John Adams." And who could

<sup>6</sup>From William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*, Act III, Scene 2.

forget that most thrilling appeal of all as voiced in "Spartacus to the Gladiators at Capua."<sup>7</sup> No greater plea for liberty was ever made than in his closing words,

O comrades, warriors, Thracians!  
If we must fight, let us fight for ourselves!  
If we must slaughter, let us slaughter our oppressors!  
If we must die, let it be under the clear sky, by  
the bright waters, in noble, honorable battle!

Spelling was stressed, and spelling matches found an important place on those Friday afternoons. It was an honor to "spell down" the school. My sister was champion for several years, and our family took deep pride in her.

So the days passed within the walls, but even after the long walk to school games were entered into with a zest and spirit seldom equalled today. There were three which I remember best:

"Black Man" was one of our favorites. One or two older pupils stood all the rest. The leader would step forward and say, "What will you do when you see the Black Man coming?" The others would shout, "Walk right through like a white man," and then all began to run back and forth until each had been tagged and joined the one or two who had been "it."

"Dare base" was another game we played frequently. The pupils divided into two groups. One member would sally forth and give a dare, but if he was tagged he was placed on a base where he remained until he was rescued by one from his own group. The game continued until one side was broken up.

Perhaps the most popular game was a form of softball which we called "town ball." This was said to be different from the ball games played in any other place. The ball was caught on the bounce. Older girls entered into this sport, while the smaller girls played house under the tall trees. Such delightful times we had, with rooms outlined by branches and decorated with bright pebbles, velvety green moss, and lichens from the trees, along with bits of colored glass and china carried from home. We often "dressed up" by making hats from the big leaves and pinning them together with long thorns from the giant thorn trees nearby.

The boys spent some time carving wood, whittling, making slingshots, fashioning whistles of slippery elm, and making wonderful dolls with heads of fringed acorns that had natural noses, a

<sup>7</sup>Elijah Kellogg, "Spartacus to the Gladiators."

slit for the mouth, and tiny beads for eyes. I have one of these yet, and it is a most prized possession.

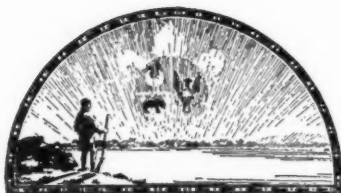
Winter was filled with many thrills, and we especially enjoyed coasting down the long hills surrounding the school. There were many steep and dangerous curves, but who was afraid? Often the long benches from around the stove were taken outside, turned upside down, filled with boys and girls and with a skillful guide in front, and away we went! What fun! Often the teacher delayed calling "Books, books," because there was such gayety and excitement on the hill.

The woods around the school provided much of interest. In the spring the luscious May apples were found in abundance, and later the juicy wild blackberries and dewberries and gooseberries were welcomed at home for pies, if we had the patience to gather them.

The spring also brought great quantities of colorful wild flowers. No flower show of today could surpass the beauty of a literal carpet of big purple and yellow pansies, bluebells, Dutchman's breeches in profusion, wild phlox, and roses.

In autumn the woods were again a veritable treasure house. Black walnuts, hickory nuts, and hazelnuts were found in abundance, providing enough for us and for the squirrels too. In late autumn were the red haws, large as crab apples, and they were delicious. And the black haws were always a treat, even though one usually smeared his face up to his eyebrows. Wild grapes were a real delicacy and were the basis of rich juice and jelly. And mentioning wild grapes recalls to mind what wonderful jumping ropes and still more wonderful swings the vines made. Some vines were immense and hung from tall trees. It was easy to grasp one and swing far out over the running creek. The excitement was comparable to the fast races of today.

Although the old log school still provides many pleasant memories, the structure itself came to a sudden end. One Sunday morning in the nineties word went around that white Oak College had burned. No one ever knew just how it happened. In a year or so a new school building was erected a little farther to the south, and it became known as Holman School #87. Although the new building was much better suited for educational purposes, I am certain that thoughts of happy days in the old log school house will live in the minds and hearts of the remaining scholars all their days.



## VIGNETTES OF FAMOUS MISSOURIANS

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A frontier Missouri lawyer who served as the State's first Congressman, a Missouri "mountain man" who built a fort which served as an outfitting point on the Oregon Trail, and a Missouri fur trader who served as the first territorial governor of New Mexico are included in the roster of famous Missourians in this issue of the *Review*. These biographical sketches were released to the newspapers of the State in April, May, and June, 1958, under the title, "This Week in Missouri History."

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### MISSOURI'S LAST TERRITORIAL DELEGATE AND FIRST REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

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In Congress he sponsored Missouri's petitions for statehood and as one of the framers of Missouri's first constitution he was the author of the provisions on education. Who was he?

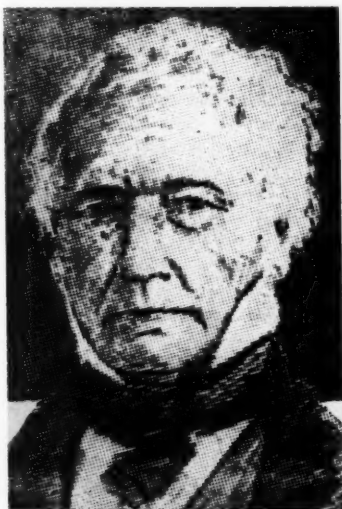
#### 1. *What was his background?*

A. Born in Hanover County, Virginia, in 1782, he was graduated from Princeton University and moved with his parents to Indiana Territory. In 1804 he settled in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, where his superior education and ability placed him in the front rank of lawyers.

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2. *How did he begin his political career?*

A. He was appointed to the Legislative Council of Missouri Territory in 1813 and the next year was nominated United



*Houg, A History of Missouri, III.  
Courtesy Gliboney Houg*

**Missouri's Sole Representative in  
Congress, 1817-1827**

States attorney. A series of articles in the *Missouri Gazette* during his 1816 campaign for election to Congress caused him to challenge each of the five authors of the series to a duel. Friends brought about a peaceful settlement between him and Charles Lucas, the only one who accepted his challenge. Defeating Rufus Easton by a plurality of 15 votes, he took his seat in Congress as territorial delegate, December 2, 1816. But the election was contested on the ground of illegality of the votes of Cote Sans Dessein precinct, and Congress declared the seat vacant, January 13, 1817. A new election resulted in his victory, and he served from August 4, 1817, to March 3, 1821.

3. *What did he accomplish as territorial delegate from Missouri?*

A. He was instrumental in the passage of the Missouri Enabling Act of 1820, providing for the formation of a State constitution and State government; the establishment of State boundaries; grants of land for education, a State university, and a State capitol; and removal of slavery restriction on Missouri as set forth in the first Missouri Compromise.

4. *What was his work in Missouri's first constitutional convention?*

A. As one of the principal delegates in the 41-member convention of 1820, he wrote the sections in the constitution providing for public education, the limitation of gerrymandering in the establishment of senatorial districts, the disqualification

of soldiers and sailors from voting in Missouri while in active service, and the compensation of members of the State legislature.

5. *What event terminated his public career?*

A. Elected as Missouri's first congressman, he served as the State's only representative in the House from 1820 to 1827. In the presidential election of 1825, his decision to cast his vote for John Quincy Adams against Andrew Jackson, the favored candidate in Missouri, cost him his political future. He was defeated for re-election in 1826 and never again held public office.

6. *What was his later career?*

A. He maintained a large private law practice in Ste. Genevieve. He usually appeared in court wearing pantaloons several sizes too large for him, his hair braided in a queue, a cloth cap pulled low over his eyes, and carrying a green baize bag in the manner of English lawyers. He went armed with pistols and knives, although he was never known to use either. He was habitually profane, and when a short time before his death he was urged by friends to seek religion he replied, "I have served the devil all my life and it wouldn't be right to desert him now." But he was greatly beloved and highly respected by all those who knew him best. A Missouri county was named for him in 1821. His death occurred in Ste. Genevieve in 1821.

7. *What was his name?*

A. John Scott.

[References: W. V. N. Bay, *Reminiscences of the Bench and Bar of Missouri* (St. Louis, 1878), 114-18; Frederic L. Billon, *Annals of St. Louis . . . From 1804 to 1821* (St. Louis, 1888), 43; Goodspeed Publishing Company, *History of Southeast Missouri* (Chicago, 1888), 393-94; Floyd C. Shoemaker, *Missouri's Struggle for Statehood* (Jefferson City, 1916); Floyd C. Shoemaker, *Missouri's Hall of Fame* (Columbia, 1923), 132-37.]

**THIS MOUNTAIN MAN FROM MISSOURI BUILT A FAMOUS FORT  
ON THE OREGON TRAIL**

*Released May 8, 1958*

He aided in the development of the Oregon and Overland trails and the route of the Union Pacific Railroad by his early explorations in the West, built a fort in Wyoming which served as a way-station on the Oregon Trail, and guided government expeditions to establish new western routes. Who was he?

1. *What were his early experiences?*

A. He was born in 1804 in Richmond, Virginia, and when he was eight years old moved with his parents to a farm near St. Louis. Orphaned at 13, he was compelled to seek employment. He operated a ferryboat from Six Mile Prairie in Illinois to St. Louis and later was apprenticed to a St. Louis blacksmith. Although he could neither read nor write, he listened to the tales of mountain men and yearned to share their experiences. His opportunity came when he answered the call for "100 enterprising young men to ascend the Missouri River to its source" in a *Missouri Republican* "want - ad" of March 20, 1822.

2. *How did he gain fame in the West?*

A. He became a skillful and daring leader of trapping parties and one of the proprietors of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. He was one of the first white men to visit South Pass and the Yellowstone country and to him is credited the discovery of Great Salt Lake.



*Courtesy Ed Bartholomew, owner, N. H. Rose Coll. Old-time Photo Negatives*

**"Old Gabe"**

3. *Why did he establish a fort in Wyoming?*

A. With the decline of the fur trade he relinquished his traps and fur packs to build in 1843 on Black's Fork of Green River a fort which served as the second outfitting point on the Oregon Trail. The Mormons, desiring a monopoly of emigrant trade, occupied the fort in 1853. "Old Gabe," as he was affectionately called, retired with his family to a farm near Westport in Jackson County, Missouri. His short-lived successive marriages to three Indian women of the Flathead, Ute, and Shoshone tribes, ended with the death of each.

4. *What was his later work?*

A. He returned to his beloved mountains to enter government service as a scout. Previously, in 1849, he had guided Stanbury's Utah expedition over much of the later route of the Overland Stage, Pony Express, and Union Pacific Railroad. He guided General A. S. Johnston's army in the Utah invasion, 1857-1858, and to establish new routes he accompanied the Reynolds Yellowstone expedition in 1859 and the Berthoud party in 1861. Summoned by Major General G. M. Dodge in 1865



*Courtesy Wyoming State Historical Department*

**His Famous Fort in Southwest Wyoming**



as chief of scouts on the plains, he guided the Powder River expeditions against hostile Indians.

5. *When did he return to Missouri?*

A. He retired to his Missouri farm in 1868 because of failing eyesight. He established trading posts at Westport and the neighboring village of Little Santa Fe, but soon he could only sit with sightless eyes turned toward the West, longing to talk with mountain friends. After his death in 1881 he was buried on a neighbor's farm, but through the efforts of General Dodge, his remains were removed to Kansas City in 1904 and a monument erected at his grave.

6. *How was his memory honored?*

A. Mountains, creeks, postoffices, and railroad stations in the West are named for him. The site of his fort was dedicated as a Wyoming Historical Landmark and Museum in 1933 and his portrait decorates the Montana capitol dome.

7. *What was his name?*

A. James Bridger.

[References: J. Cecil Alter, *James Bridger* (Columbus, Ohio, 1951); Hiram Martin Chittenden, *The American Fur Trade of the West* (New York, 1935), 2 vols.; Louis O. Honig, *James Bridger; The Pathfinder of the West* (Kansas City, 1951); Allen Johnson, editor, *Dictionary of American Biography* (New York, 1943), III, 33; Floyd C. Shoemaker, editor, *Missouri Day by Day* (Jefferson City, 1942), I, 203; Stanley Vestal, *Jim Bridger: Mountain Man* (New York, 1946).]

**THIS FUR TRADER FROM MISSOURI WAS THE FIRST TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO**

*Released June 5, 1958*

The eldest of four brothers who played leading roles in the development of early trade in the West, he was murdered during a Mexican and Indian uprising in Taos a few months after he was appointed the first civil governor of the Territory of New Mexico. Who was he?

1. *What was his background?*

A. Born in Charleston, Virginia (now in West Virginia), in 1799, he moved with his family to Marietta, Ohio, in 1805,

and the following year to St. Louis, where his father served as principal deputy surveyor of the Territory of Louisiana.

2. *What was his early career as a fur trader?*

A. It is believed that he was employed as a trapper in the Sioux country as early as 1823. With three of his brothers he formed a fur trading company with Ceran St. Vrain in 1826 and built a stockade between the present cities of Pueblo and Canon City, Colorado. In

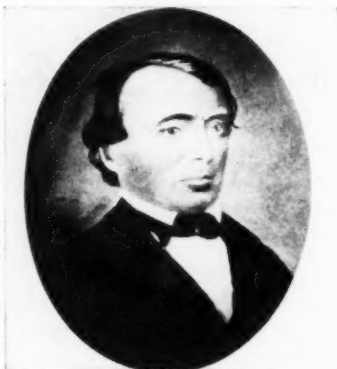
1829 he was elected captain of a caravan which he conducted safely from the Missouri frontier to Santa Fé, although south of the Arkansas River it was attacked by hostile Indians. In 1832 his caravan returned to Missouri with \$100,000 in specie and \$90,000 in Mexican goods and mules.

3. *What was the fame of the fort which his company built?*

A. In 1828 his company began the building of the largest and finest frontier fort ever erected by private enterprise in the United States. Situated near what is now La Junta, Colorado, some 500 miles distant from the Missouri frontier, it was reported to have "reared its towers over the uncultivated wastes like a baronial castle which has withstood the wars and desolation of centuries." He insisted that it should be built of adobe and imported Mexican workmen to make and lay the brick. The fort served as a trading post, fortress, storehouse, and rendezvous for trappers, Indians, Mexicans, and government troops.

4. *Where did he make his trading headquarters?*

A. Upon the completion of the fort in 1832, he served as chief agent in his company's Taos and Santa Fé trade. In



*Courtesy Museum of New Mexico.*

**He Was Murdered By Mexican and Indian Insurgents While Civil Governor of New Mexico**

Taos, prior to 1836, he married Maria Ignacio Jaramillo, a sister-in-law of Kit Carson.

5. *When was he appointed governor of the Territory of New Mexico?*

A. Ranking high in the esteem of fellow traders, trappers, and Indians, in September, 1846, he was appointed civil governor after the American occupation of New Mexico. As governor, he was also in charge of Indian affairs, and his report to the United States government gave valuable information on the Indians of the West and suggested measures for dealing with them.



*Garrard, Wah-to-yah and the Taos Trail. Courtesy Arthur H. Clark Co., Publishers*

**His Fort, From a Sketch by Lt. James W. Abert in 1845**

In an attempt to overthrow American rule, Mexican and Indian insurrectionists broke into his home while he was visiting his family in Taos in January, 1847. His wife brought him his pistols and entreated him to defend himself but, hoping to appease the mob, he refused. He was scalped alive, then murdered, and later the mob paraded

through the streets bearing his scalp stretched with brass-headed tacks over a board. He was buried in Taos, but later his body was given a final resting place in the National Cemetery in Santa Fé.

6. *How is his memory honored?*

A. His portrait, unveiled in 1910, hangs in the Senate chamber of the State capitol in Santa Fé; a monument erected in 1910 and a gateway erected in 1933 mark the site of the fort; and replicas of the fort are in the Museum of the Colorado Historical Society in Denver and the Museum of New Mexico in Santa Fé.

7. *What was his name?*

A. Charles Bent.

[References: George Bird Grinnell, "Bent's Old Fort and Its Builders," *Kansas Historical Collections*, XV, 28-89; Allen Johnson, editor, *Dictionary of American Biography* (New York, 1943), II, 205; Margaret Long, *The Santa Fé Trail* (Denver, 1954); Edwin L. Sabin, *Kit Carson Days* (New York, 1935), 2 vols.; Floyd C. Shoemaker, editor, *Missouri Day by Day* (Jefferson City, 1943), II, 347; Paul A. F. Walter, "The First Civil Governor of New Mexico Under the Stars and Stripes," *New Mexico Historical Review*, VIII (April 1933), 98-130.]

## HISTORICAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

### A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

The Constitution and By-Laws of the State Historical Society as adopted on May 26, 1898, provide that "Every editor of a Missouri newspaper, who shall send his newspaper regularly to the Society library, shall be entitled to all the privileges of an annual member during the period that he sends his newspaper, and to a life membership after he shall have sent his paper continuously for ten years." This provision has proved of special value to the Society in two ways: it has enabled the Society to accumulate one of the major newspaper collections in the United States, and it has created a body of loyal supporters of the Society.

On May 1 the Society had 203 editorial life members. Their names are listed alphabetically below with their present addresses and the total number of years of Missouri editorship.

Ake, Eli P., Ironton, 19	Clayton, A. J., and Hallie, Brunswick, 30
Anderson, Eugene H., New Haven, 10	Cloud, Roy T., Pleasant Hill, 59
Barron, Leota, Clarksville, 10	Cloud, Tilghman R., Pleasant Hill, 34
Beal, Hadie, Doniphan, 26	Colborn, R. I., Paris, 17
Bear, William M., Lebanon, 26	Curry, J. E., Ava, 42
Beissenherz, Lloyd, Concordia, 12	Curry, James M., Oregon, 27
Blair, Cowgill, Joplin, 46	Dale, E. L., Carthage, 14
Blanton, C. L., Jr., Sikeston, 45	Daniels, Leo T., Ellington, 39
Blanton, Carter V., Shelbina, 10	Daniels, R. L., Ellington, 28
Blanton, Edgar P., Shelbina, 33	Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Lane E., Houston, 13
Bless, Mrs. B. J., Jr., Weston, 43	Davis, Van W., Huntsville, 27
Bless, B. J., Jr., Weston, 37	Denman, Mack F., Farmington, 36
Bless, Charles A., Weston, 10	Dilliard, Irving, St. Louis, 10
Botterman, G. H., Corder, 37	Dimmitt, L. L., Canton, 18
Botz, Otto C., Jefferson City, 66	Dodge, Brenita, Vandalia, 11
Bouchard, W. L., Flat River, 45	Dodge, William W., Vandalia, 11
Bowman, Louis N., King City, 41	Duncan, W. K., Mountain Grove, 15
Bricken, R. W., Waverly, 17	Ellinghouse, C. L., Greenville, 32
Briggs, Frank P., Macon, 43	Ellis, Richard A., Butler, 12
Brunkhorst, Walter H., Springfield, 41	Eubanks, Faith, Milan, 13
Burkhead, Clifton W., Houston, 32	Farmer, Frank, Sweet Springs, 10
Burrowes, Arthur V., St. Joseph, 35	Fishback, Burney L., Perry, 32
Butts, Mrs. Marie, Savannah, 26	Fishback, Frances M., Perry, 20
Cheesman, Earl F., Carrollton, 36	Fisher, J. Porter, New London, 18
Chilton, O. W., Caruthersville, 51	
Clark, Twyman J., Carrollton, 34	

- Forsythe, J. F., Lancaster, 24  
 Freeland, Maude, Columbia, 21  
 Freeland, W. E., Forsyth, 41  
 French, William A., Eminence, 20  
 Fuller, Mrs. Delia, San Diego, California, 50  
 Gallagher, Norman B., Belle, 25  
 Garten, Meredith, Pierce City, 32  
 Gierke, Victor A., Louisiana, 18  
 Gillespie, W. W., Memphis, 39  
 Goforth, H. F., Richland, 20  
 Goforth, Ralph W., Dixon, 17  
 Gooden, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, Pattonsburg, 14  
 Graf, J. J., Hermann, 10  
 Gravely, Marshall, Bolivar, 24  
 Gravely, Ralph, Bolivar, 22  
 Greenlee, Frank E., Kahoka, 50  
 Guth, H. E., Perryville, 37  
 Hadden, Earl F., Montgomery City, 13  
 Hains, R. N., Marshall, 35  
 Hamel, John Philip, Columbia, 20  
 Hanebrink, J. A., Appleton City, 30  
 Hardy, Hurschel H., Ironton, 22  
 Hardy, L. G., Moberly, 15  
 Harrison, W. M., Gallatin, 10  
 Hawkins, Ralph N., Portageville, 15  
 Heckethorn, E. P., Gorin, 11  
 Heifner, R. D., Diamond, 26  
 Henson, George T., Van Buren, 35  
 Hert, John, Fayette, 10  
 Hewitt, W. C., Shelbyville, 39  
 Hodges, Richard T., Mokane, 25  
 Hoff, Chester W., Stockton, 13  
 Hook, C. H., Auxvasse, 37  
 Hudson, Stanton, Sedalia, 22  
 Iden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, West Plains, 40  
 Ingenthron, Frieda F., Forsyth, 10  
 Jenkins, Earl, Hermitage, 10  
 Jenkins, W. N., Alton, 22  
 Jenkins, Willa M., Hermitage, 26  
 Johnston, Virgil, Jr., Fulton, 18  
 Johnston, Virgil A., Fulton, 31  
 Jones, David Lee, Kirkwood, 30  
 Jones, Mrs. Lucile, Platte City, 17  
 Kahsnitz, O. A., Pacific, 19  
 Kaufman, Mrs. George H., Tarkio, 14  
 Kehr, E. C., Marthasville, 38  
 Kenney, Edward L., Rich Hill, 15  
 Klene, Zeno G., Hannibal, 16  
 Lee, S. E., Savannah, 11  
 Lefmann, Wilbur J., New Haven, 10  
 Lloyd, Raymond, Lilbourne, 30  
 Lord, Byron F., Maysville, 15  
 Lorenz, Evelyn, Armstrong, 10  
 Lowry, Robert G., Aurora, 10  
 McFarland, Lowell, Potosi, 12  
 McGregor, William B., Jefferson City, 16  
 MacKesson, Virginia F., Lebanon, 42  
 McLaughlin, Chase, Grant City, 13  
 Markey, J. Thomas, Caruthersville, 33  
 Martin, Frank L., Jr., West Plains, 13  
 Martin, Glenn A., Iberia, 12  
 Mathews, Leon W., Rich Hill, 43  
 Melton, Elston J., Boonville, 32  
 Meuser, Kenneth G., Monett, 16  
 Miller, James L., Washington, 21  
 Miller, Ray E., Carl Junction, 25  
 Mitchell, Mrs. Wirt, Fayette, 43  
 Moore, Everett, Quincy, Illinois, 16  
 Morgan, J. G., Unionville, 47  
 Naeter, Fred, Cape Girardeau, 54  
 Nelson, Edgar C., Boonville, 15  
 O'Meara, Mrs. Frances Jacobi, Martinsburg, 35  
 Otten, Ray, Versailles, 13  
 Petrequin, Alvin F., Ste. Genevieve, 12  
 Pile, John L., Ozark, 31  
 Pizer, E. N., Tipton, 39  
 Preston, W. L., Liberty, 23  
 Price, James W., Princeton, 28  
 Pulitzer, Joseph, Jr., St. Louis, 10  
 Ray, Means, Cassville, 46  
 Reber, Bert J., Crystal City, 25  
 Recker, L. H., New Madrid, 23  
 Richards, Gomer T., Camdenton, 18  
 Ridings, Marion O., Hamilton, 17  
 Roberts, Roy A., Kansas City, 30  
 Roberts, W. H., Memphis, 30  
 Roop, Lewis Wade, De Soto, 16  
 Rowe, Paul C., Kahoka, 12  
 Rubin, Maury E., St. Louis, 21  
 Rucker, Frank W., Columbia, 34  
 Ruggles, W. A., St. James, 23  
 Russell, Dave E., Republic, 27  
 Ryals, Hazel, Greenfield, 19

- Sage, W. W., Breckenridge, 14  
 Savell, James M., East Prairie, 13  
 Schade, Leo L., Jackson, 17  
 Schneider, John S., Hillsboro, 19  
 Schofield, F. E., Edina, 51  
 Scruton, George, Sedalia, 21  
 Settle, J. Boulton, 43  
 Shea, John H., Lexington, 10  
 Shinn, Charles L., Smithville, 36  
 Siegfried, Craig, Independence, 19  
 Simpson, William L., Holden, 14  
 Sims, Earle E., Fairfax, 21  
 Sims, Roy, Sr., Fairfax, 50  
 Sosey, Don, Palmyra, 24  
 Sowers, Edward W., Rolla, 30  
 Sparks, E. L., Hannibal, 25  
 Stapel, John C., Columbia, 35  
 Stapleton, Jack, Stanberry, 36  
 Stauffer, M. W., Maryville, 29  
 Steinbeck, A. A., Union, 25  
 Suiter, Alta, Armstrong, 10  
 Swain, E. E., Kirksville, 48  
 Sweets, N. A., St. Louis, 30  
 Tally, Darby Robert, St. Charles, 25  
 Taubert, A. G., Warrensburg, 33  
 Taubert, Mrs. A. G., Warrensburg, 33  
 Taylor, L. R., Mound City, 31  
 Tibbetts, James G. C., Parkville, 16  
 Todd, James, Moberly, 51  
 Trigg, George A., Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 30  
 Triggs, Orville D., Oak Grove, 17  
 Tucker, William C., Warrensburg, 11  
 Van Hafften, Madeleine Aull, Lamar, 10  
 Van Meter, Ray, Trenton, 14  
 Van Pelt, Robert W., Salem, 30  
 Vaughan, M. F., Hale, 34  
 Wallhausen, Art L., Charleston, 22  
 Waters, H. J., Jr., Columbia, 21  
 Watkins, Charles E., Chillicothe, 13  
 Watters, T. Ballard, Marshfield, 35  
 Weir, Ben F., Nevada, 14  
 Wells, Joe, Troy, 30  
 White, L. M., Mexico, 48  
 White, Mahlon N., Warsaw, 28  
 White, Robert M., II, Mexico, 12  
 Wightman, P. G., Bethany, 37  
 Williams, Fae D., Thayer, 30  
 Williams, G. E., Dearborn, 12  
 Williams, Ira J., Brookfield, 11  
 Williams, James A., Carrollton, 52  
 Williams, R. H., Thayer, 30  
 Wilson, R. M., Milan, 25  
 Wise, Hal M., Jr., Webb City, 13  
 Woodward, Mrs. Fern, Browning, 22  
 Woodward, G. T., Browning, 22  
 Wright, Beatrice, Sarcoxie, 13  
 Wright, Earl A., Sarcoxie, 13  
 Wright, Joe H., Hopkins, 19  
 Zevely, William L., Linn, 18  
 Zoeller, P. L., Perryville, 34

## MEMBERS ACTIVE IN INCREASING THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP

During the three months of February, March, and April, 1958, the following members of the Society have increased its membership as indicated:

## ONE LIFE MEMBER

Lee, Robert Jacquot, Eminence

## EIGHTEEN NEW MEMBERS

Frazier, Narvel W., Steelville

## SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

McQuie, Bob, St. Louis

## SIX NEW MEMBERS

Burbes, John A., St. Charles  
Heytman, John J., Warrensburg

## FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Armstrong, Mrs. Joseph, McKittrick	Livesay, R. P., Independence
Dietrich, Benj. F., Cape Girardeau	Thomason, Ralph C., Aledo, Illinois
Ewald, William B., St. Louis	Voertman, Russell, Kansas City
Kranson, Seymour, Independence	Wurdack, Robert, Overland

## THREE NEW MEMBERS

Blees, Mrs. William A., Los Angeles, Calif.	Hollenbeck, L. M., Sikeston
Cosby, Byron, Columbia	McDaniel, Mrs. Lex, Kansas City
Eldredge, H. O., Waynesville	Nichols, Everitt G., Kansas City
Greene County Historical Society, Springfield	Simmons, Russell R., Potosi
	Sommerville, George W., Chillicothe
	Stewart, Walter H., Farmington

## TWO NEW MEMBERS

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Britt, Ernest S., St. Louis	Lucas, Mrs. Okla H., Fayette
Copeland, Silvia, Jenkins	Mason, J. R., Fayette
Edmonds, Augustus H., Kansas City	Miller, J. R., St. Louis
Gilbreath, Mrs. Olga, Parkville	Rozier, Leo J., Perryville
Hartley, Stanley, Ocala, Florida	Shadwell, Mrs. Franklin, Jefferson City
Hiett, William Duke, Houston	Simpson, Lewis A. W., Alton
Hill, C. Howard, Jacksonville, Florida	Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Howard W., Jr., Columbia
Jones, Mrs. Ray D., Kansas City	Weaver, Harry G., New London
Kerr, Donald M., Foristell	Windsor, W. C., Boonville
Killion, Mrs. L. O., Parnell	

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Ball, Hampton B., Columbia	Brown, Mr. & Mrs. J. W., Kansas City
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Breidenthal, Oren William, Sr., Kansas City	Carnes, Otis G., Fayette
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	Collins, E. A., Cape Girardeau

- Covington, Mrs. Floyd, Longview, Tex.  
 Dahl, Mrs. O. W., Kirkwood  
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 Dehoney, James L., Kansas City  
 Dial, Marshall, Portageville  
 Drake, Genevieve, North Kansas City  
 Drescher, Warren F., Jr., St. Louis  
 Duggan, Jerry T., Kansas City  
 Engelage, Roland, Sarcoxie  
 Ferguson, Mrs. H. T., Bradenton, Fla.  
 Fike, Mrs. H. R., Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Fitzpatrick, Francis J., Kansas City  
 Flarsheim, Robert H., Kansas City  
 Freyermuth, Florence, Webster Groves  
 Fuls, Mrs. E. B., California  
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 Garber, D. W., Perrysville, Ohio  
 Gentry, Kenneth, Kansas City  
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 Greenhaw, Doyle D., Kansas City  
 Griffis, C. O., Slater  
 Hall, Stanley, Union  
 Hammon, J. W., Springfield  
 Hanes, C. O., Jefferson City  
 Hanes, Mr. & Mrs. C. O., Jefferson City  
 Hauptman, Jerzy, Parkville  
 Heady, Ray A., Kansas City  
 Heiman, Mrs. David, Glasgow  
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 Herrman, J. E., Springfield  
 Hines, Paul, Kansas City  
 Hinman, Mr. & Mrs. Peter, Cape Girardeau  
 Hobbs, Mrs. Myrene, Jefferson City  
 Hood, Clyde B., Kansas City  
 Howdeshell, C. Leo, Elsberry  
 Hunt, Robby W., Rochert, Minnesota  
 Hunt, Snowden M., West Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Hunter, Harry S., St. Louis  
 Iden, Charles, West Plains  
 Johns, S. P., Jr., Seattle, Wash.  
 Johnson, Margaret R., Plainfield, N. J.  
 Johnson, Ralph P., Osceola  
 Keller, P. N., Chaffee  
 Kiefner, Edwin L., Perryville  
 Knox, Mrs. Edgar C., Independence  
 Leech, M. P., Fayette  
 Lemmer, A. Sidney, Kansas City  
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 McCue, Mrs. George R., Kirkwood  
 McGee, W. J., Joplin  
 McMichael, Ethel, Mount Vernon  
 Minor, Edith V., St. Louis  
 Misemer, H. F., Portland, Oregon  
 Moore, Benjamin Bird, Charleston  
 Moore, Fay K., Palmyra  
 Motley, Mrs. Robert L., Bowling Green  
 Muench, Max S., St. Louis  
 Murray J. E., Kansas City  
 Myrick, W. P., Lutesville  
 Oeschle, Albert H., Jefferson City  
 Penney, Usher H., St. Louis County  
 Pinnick, Mrs. Georgia, Clayton  
 Pohlman, Mrs. George, Macon  
 Potter, Mrs. C. E., St. Louis  
 Price, Michael, Columbia  
 Reddick, Robert F., Crystal City  
 Rodgers, Harris D., Jefferson City  
 Rogers, D. C., Fayette  
 Sargent, Robert J., Clayton  
 Scholl, Eldon, St. Louis  
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 Shoemaker, Floyd C., Columbia  
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 Sisson, Mrs. J. H., Dexter  
 Smiser, Mrs. A. Lee, Warrensburg  
 Smith, Elwood H., West Plains  
 Smith, Howard W., Jr., Columbia  
 Snider, Mrs. Frank L., Cape Girardeau  
 Sparr, M. N., Kansas City  
 Spencer, Henry G., Kansas City  
 Sprong, Mrs. C., Springfield  
 Stewart, Mary Frances, Mendon  
 Stidham, J. H., Fulton  
 Stonger, W. R., Marceline  
 Storment, Mrs. J. C., Marthsville  
 Sullivan, Stephen H., Sullivan  
 Summers, Floyd G., St. Louis  
 Swinney, Mary Agnes, Kansas City  
 Thomason, Ralph C., Aledo, Ill.  
 Thompson, E. V., St. Louis  
 Thornton, Mrs. E. J., Kansas City  
 Turner, L. H., Springfield  
 von Schrenk, Trifon, St. Louis



Wahl, Clarence G., Louisiana  
 Wall, Charley S., Leeton  
 Williams, Mrs. F. C., Lynchburg, Va.  
 Williams, Roy D., Boonville  
 Williams, W. G., Chicago, Illinois

Wilson, Mrs. Ola B., Shelbyville  
 Withers, Mrs. Robert S., Liberty  
 Wolf, E. H., Bonne Terre  
 Zoller, Mrs. C. E., Ferguson

NEW MEMBERS IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Four hundred and twenty-four applications for membership were received by the Society during the three months of February, March, and April, 1958. The total annual and life membership as of May 1, 1958, is 11,077.

The new members are:

Abney, Nancy Edwin, Harrisonville  
 Adams, Thomas R., Warrensburg  
 Alexander, John, Winterset, Florida  
 Allemann, Mrs. Frieda, New Florence  
 Anderson, Kenneth, Pagedale  
 Anderson, Mrs. M. M., Little Rock, Ark.  
 Anderson, Mrs. T. P., Florissant  
 Antle, Paul W., St. Louis  
 Armstrong, A. E., North Linthicum, Md.  
 Barrett, A. C., Sikeston  
 Bartow, Mrs. Marvin, Lebanon  
 Bartruff, M. A., Bland  
 Basham, Mrs. Ruth, Kansas City, Kans.  
 Beaumont, Mrs. Ruth C., Kansas City  
 Becker, Audrey, St. Louis  
 Becker, Carl P., Manchester  
 Behrens, Calvin H., St. Louis  
 Bell, Mrs. Artie, Eolia  
 Bennett, Carl, Joplin  
 Benson, Mrs. E. E., Meadville  
 Berringer, J. C., Kansas City  
 Bianchini, Signora Franco, Firenze, Italy  
 Biggs, F. A., New Bloomfield  
 Bishop, Delbert A., Grandview  
 Black, Mary, Fulton  
 Bladt, Luther, Maryville, LIFE  
 Blair, David, Kansas City  
 Blair, William, Midland, Tex., LIFE  
 Bles, Mrs. W. A., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Boardman, Mrs. Margaret, New York, N. Y.

Bohannon, Charles E., Overland  
 Bond, Raymond C., Kirkwood  
 Bonebrake, A. H., Salem  
 Boice, Mrs. N. R., Miami Beach, Fla.  
 Boutin, Charles W., Cape Girardeau  
 Boyd, Mary Frances, Louisiana  
 Braginton, Charlotte L., Manson, Iowa  
 Branch, Mrs. C. M., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Branson, Lewis, Bland  
 Breidenthal, Mrs. Ward, Banner Elk, North Carolina  
 Brenner, Louis G., St. Louis  
 Britt, E. Douglas, Creve Coeur  
 Brockway, Mary Agnes, Blackwater  
 Brooks, Mrs. Charles H., Center  
 Brown, Edmond M., Columbia  
 Brown, Jack, Aledo, Illinois  
 Brown, Mrs. Joy L., St. Louis  
 Buersmoyer, Syl R., Jefferson City  
 Burhop, Helen, St. Louis  
 Busch, August A., Jr., St. Louis, LIFE  
 Bush, Mrs. H. S., Neosho  
 Butler, Robert L., St. Louis  
 Caldwell, Eva Lee, Kansas City  
 Caldwell, Mrs. O. P., Independence, Kans.  
 Callihan, C. F., West Plains  
 Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City  
 Carl, Adrian F., Independence  
 Carlock, M. F., Sikeston  
 Carr, Robert L., Potosi  
 Cate, Mrs. I. B., Salem, Oregon  
 Cerny, A. J., Kirkwood  
 The Chancery, Kansas City, LIFE  
 Charpiot, Don, St. Louis

- Chilton, Mrs. John, Fremont  
 Chione, A. G., Danvers, Illinois  
 Church, Charles H., Kansas City  
 Clark, O. L., Center  
 Clark, R. J., Berkeley  
 Clatworthy, Tommy, Fayette  
 Clinton, Gilbert, Sikeston  
 Clough, L. R., Afton  
 Cobb, Mr. & Mrs. Guy, Dora  
 Cockerell, S. F., Kansas City  
 Coffey, William H., St. Charles  
 Cole, Lee, West Plains  
 Collins, Harry, Parkville  
 Connel, Mrs. E. H., Miller  
 Cook, Melvin C., St. Louis  
 Cunningham, Mrs. Nelle, Caruthersville  
 Cott, Mrs. Lillian, Kansas City  
 Cox, Mrs. Ralph, Thayer  
 Cramer, Joe L., Denver, Colorado  
 Daigh, Joan, South Greenfield, LIFE  
 Davis, Arthur W., Union  
 Davis, Mrs. Catherine, Columbia  
 Davis, Floyd A., Kirkwood  
 Davison, Leonard, New Windsor, Ill.  
 Dawson, Mrs. J. Fred, St. Louis  
 Denham, Joe E., Dodge City, Kansas  
 Diekroegen, H. E., Jr., Richmond Heights  
 Dlabal, L. H., Independence  
 Dobson, R. Dean, St. Louis  
 Douglass, Mrs. Tom R., McBaine  
 Draper, Don, Neosho  
 Dulaney, Kathleen, Clarkton  
 Duncan, Mrs. Ross, Juneau, Alaska  
 Earnest, Mrs. Milton, Camdenton  
 Eldredge, Byron M., Waynesville  
 Eldredge, Maze O., St. Louis  
 Ellington, Mrs. R. D., Sr., Portageville  
 Elliott, Mrs. Ada M., Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Ellison, Andrew, Caracas, Venezuela, LIFE  
 Ellison, J. H., Springfield  
 Ellsberry, Mrs. Elizabeth, Chillicothe  
 Ervin, Dwain T., Fayette  
 Fain, Galen, Fredericktown  
 Faris, Margie, Columbia  
 Feaster, Mrs. Ross, Windsor  
 Fiebelman, Kenneth F., Boss  
 Figley, Mrs. N. C., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Fleming, J. Will, Jr., Moberly, LIFE  
 Forbis, Gerald E., Columbia  
 Fort Worth Public Library, Fort Worth, Texas  
 Foster, Clarence L., Keokuk, Iowa  
 Fox, Mrs. Andrew J., Dunedin, Florida  
 Frahm, M. A., St. Louis, LIFE  
 Francis, Chris L., Sikeston  
 Freeman, Kenneth, Columbia, LIFE  
 Freund, M. W., Clayton  
 Garber, C. M., Butler, Ohio  
 Garner, Mrs. J. M., Mendon  
 Garvey, Lloyd D., St. Louis  
 Geest, Kenneth J., St. Louis  
 Gentry, Kenneth, Kansas City  
 Ghan, Bill, Greenfield, LIFE  
 Giffen, Lawrence, Jefferson City, LIFE  
 Gilbert, Charles E., Warrensburg  
 Gilbert, Clell M., Sikeston  
 Giljum, George P., St. Charles  
 Gilles, Wilbur, St. Louis  
 Gillespie, Walter W., Kansas City  
 Givans, Robert L., Ava  
 Goe, Bob L., St. Louis  
 Gravitt, Robert D., Columbia  
 Green, Mrs. J. H., Kansas City  
 Greenwell, O. D., Chilhowee  
 Greenwell, Mr. & Mrs. Welch, Shelbina  
 Gregory, Ralph, Washington  
 Guerrant, Albert H., St. Louis  
 Gunter, C. S., Cabool  
 Haderlein, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil, St. Louis  
 Hales, Lavonne, St. Louis  
 Hall, S. S., Savannah  
 Hardin, C. B., Jr., Columbia  
 Harrison, A. A., Sikeston  
 Hartmann, Mrs. E. E., Normandy  
 Hartwig, Frank J., Ferguson  
 Harvey, Dean A., Covina, Calif.  
 Harvey, Julien H., New Canaan, Conn.  
 Harvey, Montague, St. Louis  
 Harvey, R. H., Cape Girardeau  
 Hays, Jo Anne, Joplin, LIFE  
 Heck, Harry, California  
 Helman, Richard G., Kansas City  
 Heltzell, George, St. Louis

- Herndon, W. J., Marshall  
Higday, Mrs. J. Clyde, Kansas City  
Hines, B. F., Kirkwood  
Hoffmeister, Mr. & Mrs. G. W., St. Louis  
Hogue, Adda, Jenkins  
Holley, Mrs. Nora, Nevada  
Hootman, Julia, Cuba  
Horan, Mrs. M. J., Matherville, Ill.  
Horn, C. Dwight, St. Louis  
Hoscher, Albert A., Hazelwood  
Hubbard, Mrs. Ina E., St. Louis  
Hucke, R. J., Overland Park, Kans.  
Hudson, Duane A., Moberly  
Huegel, Virginia, St. Louis  
Humphrey, E. O., Joplin, LIFE  
Hunziger, George, Fillmore  
Hyde, Mrs. J. V., Seattle, Wash.  
Icenogle, William, Jr., Kansas City  
Iiams, Mrs. Smith H., Linn Creek  
Jahn, Bill, Cheverly, Maryland  
Jahn, Violet B., Albuquerque, N. Mex.  
Jamieson, J. W., Sikeston  
Janke, George, St. Louis  
Johnson Brothers Contractors, Worland, Wyoming  
Johnson, C. W., Springfield  
Johnson, Mrs. G. D., Livonia, N. Y.  
Johnson, L. W., Seattle, Wash.  
Jones, G. T., Maryland Heights  
Jones, Ray D., Jr., Kansas City  
Kaigler, James M., St. Louis  
Kallis, George E., Boonville  
Karr, Dale, Parkville  
Kassell, Lawrence, Cape Girardeau  
Kearney, Philip, Cape Girardeau  
Keeth, Orphia J., Iberia  
Kell, G. L., Overland Park, Kans.  
Kamp, David, Portage des Sioux  
Kennedy, E. Paul, Raytown  
Kennedy, Mrs. M. F., Kansas City  
Kick, Lewis J., Kankakee, Illinois  
Kickapoo School, Springfield  
Kingman, W. A., Springfield  
Kirn, Mrs. Elizabeth C., Webster Groves  
Kirsch, Leo, Sumner  
Klimas, A. C., St. Louis  
Klussman, Mrs. Alvin H., Odessa  
Knapp, S. D., Kansas City  
Koetter, Mrs. Virginia T., Latham  
Lake, Edward W., Potosi  
Lammers, Victor, St. Charles  
Lamy, Celeste & Cammie, Kansas City  
Lamy, J. E., Wynnewood, Pa.  
Lane, Mrs. Anabel W., Kansas City  
Lewis, James E., De Soto  
Lee, Mrs. John E., Centerview  
Lee, Robert Jacquot, Eminence, LIFE  
Lee, Mrs. Robert Jacquot, Eminence, LIFE  
Levasseur, Mrs. Treat, Kansas City  
Levy, Mrs. Rose, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Lindenmuth, Arthur, Springfield  
Loeb, Benjamin M., St. Louis, LIFE  
Lomax, John C., Clinton  
Long, I. A., St. Louis  
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, New York  
Lorimer, Mrs. George, Marshall  
Lovelace, L. W., Jr., St. Charles  
Lucas, John H., Brookfield  
Lutz, Martha, Fulton  
Lynch, Edgar, Hamilton  
Lynes, Marion R., Springfield, Ill.  
McCart, Mrs. Faye, Moberly  
McCauley, Orpha B., Cleveland Heights, Ohio  
McCoy, W. C., Chillicothe  
McCracken, Oliver, Liberty  
McCready, S. F., Ocala, Florida  
McElhiney, Mr. & Mrs. Emmet, Torrance, Calif.  
McGee, Mrs. James L., Kansas City  
McGee, L. T., Lake Worth, Florida  
McGee, Marion L., Columbia  
McGrew, Roy B., Omaha, Nebraska  
McHenry, J. E., San Diego, Calif.  
McKee, Louis, Deepwater  
McKinsey, Martin E., Moberly  
McLain, Mrs. Myrtle, North Kansas City  
McMullin, Wilson, Sikeston  
McNatt, Mrs. Homer E., Frisloe  
McQuie, George, Kellogg, Idaho  
McQuie, Henry, Montgomery City  
McQuie, James L., St. Louis  
Madden, Sheila, Springfield

- Makovsky, Donald I., St. Louis  
 Maloney, Mrs. William J., Liberty  
 Marillac College Library, Normandy  
 Markey, E. A., Kansas City  
 Martin, Ann & John, St. Louis  
 Martin, Mr. & Mrs. L. E., Compton, Calif.  
 Maschmeier, W. F., St. Louis  
 Mason, Anna M., Columbia  
 Mason, Eldon W., Clayton  
 Matheson, R. L., Mission, Kansas  
 Matthews, John I., Jefferson City  
 Mayes, Mrs. Russell, Elsberry  
 Mayfield, Loomis F., Jr., Sikeston  
 Merrell, Mrs. E. V., Webster Groves  
 Merrill, Mrs. Augusta M., Independence, LIFE  
 Merrill, Mrs. Edna R., Warrensburg  
 Metcner, Mrs. R. O., Highland Park, Pa.  
 Meyer, Mrs. Ben F., Jefferson City  
 Meyer, Frank, Lexington  
 Miami Baptist Church, Miami  
 Middlebrook, Mrs. Robert, Jackson Heights, New York  
 Miles, Roberta, Flemington  
 Milroy, C. K., Kansas City  
 Missouri State Library, Jefferson City (2)  
 Moentmann, Earl, Norborne  
 Moll, J. Birch, Sikeston  
 Molumby, Frank A., Kirkwood  
 Morgan, T. R., Columbia  
 Morris, Herbert A., Glendale  
 Morris, L. I., Webster Groves  
 Mueller, Joseph, St. Ann  
 Murray, Mrs. H. L., Oildale, Calif.  
 Murry, Grant A., Kansas City  
 Myers, Lloyd, Fredericktown  
 Nance, Walter, Jr., Sarcouxie  
 Neavill, Sheila, St. Louis  
 Nebel, Harold, High Hill  
 Neely, Raymond, St. Louis  
 Neumann, Margaret, St. Louis  
 New Mexico College of Agriculture & Mechanic Arts, State College, New Mex.  
 Norfleet, Bill, Jefferson City  
 Norman, Mary Margaret, Centralia  
 Norona, Delf, Moundsville, W. Va.  
 Nusser, Ralph W., Kansas City  
 Nusser, Robert B., Lenexa, Kansas  
 Oeshcle, Margaret K., St. Louis  
 Papenfus, Emory F., Independence  
 Parrack, Richard D., Windsor  
 Peek, Kenneth, Kirkwood  
 Pefferman, Lester, Jr., Washington  
 Pemberton, Mr. & Mrs. John, Armstrong  
 Pennock, Arch W., Roodhouse, Illinois  
 Perkins, Barbara, Warrensburg  
 Perry, Mrs. Ella, Eldorado Springs  
 Peterson, Mrs. Sybil S., Las Vegas, Nevada  
 Phillips, Harry F., Jr., St. Louis  
 Pinson, B., Clarkdale, Arizona  
 Pitts, Mrs. Ben R., Foristell  
 Place, Mrs. P. M., Bethany  
 Plunket, Eugene G., North Kansas City  
 Poenack, Elmer G., Boulder, Colorado  
 Poliquin, Eugene M., Overland  
 Pollock, Carl A., Kansas City  
 Quick, Mrs. Louise C., Summit, N. J.  
 Rau, Mrs. Peggy, Cape Girardeau  
 Rausch, Margaret, Parkville  
 Ray, Mrs. Elise P., Clayton  
 Raymond, Mrs. Julia, Webster Groves  
 Reese, Madge J., Washington, D.C.  
 Reynolds, Mrs. Motell, Cape Girardeau  
 Rice Institute Library, Houston, Tex.  
 Richardson, Barbara J., Porterville, Calif.  
 Richardson, Lewis K., Salem, Oregon  
 Rickard, William L., St. Louis  
 Rickell, Barry & Sharon, Chesterfield  
 Robinson, Mrs. Anna, Oak Grove  
 Rodman, John M., Kansas City  
 Roffe, A. W., Houston  
 Rose, Robert D., Crystal City  
 Ruediger, D. W., Hermann  
 Rule, W. G., St. Louis, LIFE  
 Russell, R. J., Kansas City  
 Ste. Genevieve High School Historical Society, Ste. Genevieve  
 St. Louis County Library, Normandy (2)  
 Sampson, Herschel H., Springfield

- Sanders, James Mitchell, Thayer  
 Sapp, Carl F., Columbia  
 Satterfield, Mary A., Kansas City  
 Sayles, Edward D., Springfield  
 Scharlemann, Martin, St. Louis  
 Schmidt, L. F., St. Louis  
 Schmidt, William A., Pine Lawn  
 School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout  
 Schultz, Mrs. C. J., Troy  
 Schutt, Jack, Jefferson City  
 Scott, Mrs. N. M., Hardwickport,  
     Mass.  
 Seabaugh, David, Lutesville  
 Seib, Norman, Fredericktown  
 Shaver, Mrs. Gene, Aledo, Illinois  
 Sheppard, Winford E., Crestwood  
 Sherrell, Owen, Kennett  
 Shunk, Elton N., Glencoe  
 Simpson, Ed, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Skinner, Bert, Braggadocio  
 Smith, Mrs. H. W., Columbia  
 Smith, Waddell F., San Rafael, Calif.  
 Snider, Jennie, Campbell, LIFE  
 Snider, Vandelia, Campbell, LIFE  
 Snodgrass, Dena, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Snow, Mrs. Estelle, Bunceton  
 Snyder, Edward N., St. Louis, LIFE  
 Snyder, Otis, Chaffee, LIFE  
 Soell, O. W., Lohman  
 Spaulding, Esther Parker, Joplin  
 Specker, Thomas, Berkeley  
 Spicer, Mrs. Ida, Centerview  
 Stadter, E. L., West Plains  
 Stark, Robert P., Novelty  
 Steadman, Mrs. J. R., Neosho  
 Steelman, Dorman, Salem  
 Steiner, Mrs. Frank, Columbia  
 Stephens, Mrs. J. R., Ogden, Utah  
 Stephens, R. P., Glencoe, Ill.  
 Stevens, Mrs. Clair F., Webster Groves  
 Storment, Mrs. J. W., Webster Groves  
 Stoy, Kurt F., St. Charles  
 Strelow, Mrs. E. A., Sedalia  
 Stubblefield, Mrs. Gladys, Verona  
 Swank, Oral, Aledo, Illinois  
 Swartz, Mrs. Carolyn, Versailles  
 Swofford, Mrs. F.                      Kansas City  
 Tabler, Cecelia,  
 Tarwater, Mrs. Clara K., Santa Rosa,  
     Calif.  
 Taylor, Dan R., Joplin  
 Taylor, J. C., Kansas City  
 Teeter, Amanda, Glendale  
 Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. H. L., Jefferson  
     City  
 Thomason, R. C., Aledo, Illinois, LIFE  
 Thompson, Glen A., Columbia  
 Thompson, Mrs. Lloyd, Monroe, Ohio  
 Thorp, Raymond W., Norwalk, Calif.  
 Triplett, M. E., Triplett  
 Tucker, Frank C., Jr., Nevada  
 Turner, Bernard, Poplar Bluff  
 Van Leuvan, Robert A., Kansas City  
 Vaughan, Don, Joplin, LIFE  
 Veasman, A. P., Sikeston  
 Veatch, J. Harry, St. Louis  
 Vickers, Francis S., Kansas City  
 Wahl, C. W., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Wallace, George S., Jr., Potosi  
 Ward, R. J., Malden  
 Watkins, Mrs. B. D., Wichita, Kans.  
 Watt, Harold L., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Webb, Major E., St. Louis  
 Weeks, Mrs. Roger, Mineola  
 Welsh, Floyd, Laclede  
 West, Mrs. F. G., Meadville  
 White, L. M., Desloge  
 White, William D., Hickman Mills  
 Whitesell, R. D., Cartagena, Colombia  
 Whiting, R. D., Jennings  
 Wickersham, F. M., Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Wildman, Mrs. Annette, Kansas City  
 Wilkins, Thomas R., Charleston  
 Williams, Bill, Rolla  
 Williams, Charles E., Kansas City  
 Williams, Mrs. H. J., Camdenton  
 Williams, Victor E., Ethel  
 Wilson, Bert O., West Plains  
 Wilson, M. R., Overland  
 Windsor, Alma & Annie, Boonville  
 Windsor, W. C., Tyler, Texas  
 Wing, Neva, Kansas City  
 Wisdom, W. W., Tipton  
 Withall, Cera L., Altadena, Calif.  
 Wolford, Jerry, Rolla  
 Wood, N. Ruth, St. Louis, LIFE  
 Wood, T. S., Guthrie, Oklahoma

Wornall, John B., Kansas City  
Yates, Mrs. Joe, Jr., Shelby, Miss.

Young, James K., Jr., Springfield, Ill.  
Zorn, Mr. & Mrs. G. C., Sumner

#### ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER

The Annual Meeting of The State Historical Society and the meeting of the Society's Executive Committee will be held in the Society's reading room in the University of Missouri Library on the morning of October 3. The annual luncheon will be given at the Daniel Boone Hotel, beginning at 1:00, and the guest speaker will be Dr. Bell I. Wiley of Emory University, Emory University, Georgia. Dr. Wiley's topic will be "The Memorable War," in which he will discuss the character of the American Civil War and point up some human interest aspects of the struggle. Dr. Wiley is professor of history in Emory University and a member of the Executive Committee of the United States Civil War Commission.

#### HIGHWAY HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATED AT NEW LONDON

The New London highway historical marker, which stands on the lawn in front of the Ralls County Courthouse, was dedicated on April 27, as Dr. Floyd C. Shoemaker delivered the dedication address. J. Porter Fisher of New London, a vice president of The State Historical Society, presented the marker; Lieutenant Governor Edward V. Long accepted for the State; Glenn M. Threlkeld, director of information for the State Highway Commission, accepted for the commission; and Owen R. Jackson, Ralls County Representative, accepted for the county court. Mrs. James C. Meritt, regent, spoke on behalf of the New London Chapter of the D. A. R., and Harold E. Caldwell introduced the speaker. The Reverend Henry Eisenberg offered the invocation and the benediction. The New London school band provided the music, and the scouts led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Sherwood A. Gann introduced the guests and served as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Oliver Howard arranged the program.

#### E. J. CONGER

E. J. Conger of Crawfordsville, Indiana, one of the two remaining founders of The State Historical Society, died on March 9, 1958. Born on July 27, 1867, at Mexico, Missouri, he served for a time as editor and copublisher of the *Linneus Bulletin* and

owner and editor of the *Marceline Mirror*. After the death in 1916 of his wife, the former Bert Colgan, whom he married at Linneus in 1890, he moved to Chicago, where he was employed by R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company. He remained with the firm until his retirement in 1937, working both in Chicago and in Crawfordsville.

Mr. Conger is survived by a daughter, Miss Marion Conger, of Crawfordsville.

#### MRS. WALTER GRIFFEN

Augusta McKee Griffen, known for her paintings of local scenes in the Hannibal area, died there on February 27, 1958. The daughter of George A. and Henrietta Sprague McKee,\* she was born near Lathrop, Missouri, on July 15, 1869. She married Walter Griffen at Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1888, and they came to Hannibal in 1905 where she and her husband engaged in market gardening and floristry. He died in 1948. Of their five children one daughter, Mrs. Ben W. Stewart of Minneapolis, and two sons, Vernon and Merritt Griffen of Hannibal, survive.



*Griffen painting, owned by the Society*

#### Home of Tom Sawyer

In 1951, Augusta Griffen gave the Society three of her canvases relating to landmarks of the Hannibal area to add to its collection of historic art. They portray the Old Bay Mill, long since torn down; the Mark Twain Home, before its restoration; and the Huck Finn Home, as first built.

#### THE VATICAN LIBRARY AT ST. LOUIS

The Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library at Saint Louis University has become an internationally important research center since the prefect of the Vatican Library in Rome, writing in the name of the Holy See on December 15, 1950, gave permission for the library manuscripts to be microfilmed and made Saint Louis University the sole depository of the copies. Upon being informed

\* (See George A. McKee, "Boyhood Impressions of the Lexington, Missouri Area, 1858-1863," *Mo. Hist. Rev.*, LII (October 1957), 16-24.)

of the project the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus joined with the university to establish the Foundation for the Preservation of the Historical Documents at the Vatican Library.

When the project was completed in June, 1957, at a cost of \$340,000, the film library had acquired 870,000 feet of microfilm containing over 11,000,000 handwritten pages. The contents of the manuscripts, which date back to the fourth century, are not limited to religion but deal with all fields of knowledge. The Saint Louis University Library in 1957 began publication of *Manuscripts*, a periodical edited by the Reverend L. J. Daly, S. J., partially for the purpose of informing the public of the library's contents.

#### BOONE HOME OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

The Nathan Boone home, a 150-year-old stone mansion in which Daniel Boone died in 1820, was opened to the public for the first time in April. John A. Dufaux, president of the Daniel Boone Shrine Association, stated that the historic house in the Femme Osage Valley of St. Charles County was opened through agreement with the heirs of the late Francis M. Curlee, owner of the 509-acre property.

The Daniel Boone Shrine Association, a non-profit, tax exempt corporation, was formed in 1956 to preserve the stately landmark, and proceeds from an admission fee will be used toward acquisition of the property and the creation of a public shrine.

#### THE OVERLAND MAIL CENTENNIAL

As September approaches and time for observing the Butterfield Overland Mail Centennial draws nearer, interest is growing in the communities along the caravan route, and many cities and towns are engrossed in making definite plans for participation in the observance.

Leslie Alsworth, chairman for the Cassville celebration, writes that his city may stage an all-day affair if local response justifies such plans and states that period clothing is available. He notes that the Cassville Saddle Club and the school band will participate and that an escort will meet the caravan at any designated point in Barry County and escort it to the state line. He adds that his group plans to identify old buildings along the route with signs so that visitors will more fully enjoy their trip through that section.



Mayor Frank Stark has accepted the Billings chairmanship and is working on a program for his community.

Chairman Charles Sheppard of Springfield writes that plans have been completed for a marker, which is to be erected by the Greene County Historical Society and dedicated during the caravan's visit.

As the caravan must necessarily pass near "Robber's Cut," the site of the Otterville train robbery, one of the Jesse James memorabilia, Mayor J. Henry Gunn, Otterville chairman, has suggested that he might provide an escort for the caravan at that point if it seems advisable.

Tipton has extended its celebration to eight days, and the Tipton post office has acquired a special hub for cancellation purposes. The Tipton people are now hard at work on their centennial pageant.

Since the publication of the April *Review*, the last part of the caravan's Missouri run has been established. From Cassville the route will follow Missouri 27 through Washburn and Seligman to the Arkansas state line.

Mr. Frizzel of Oklahoma City has agreed to furnish a stagecoach unit for the entire caravan run. A spectacular feature of the caravan program, one that all but the old timers have forgotten, will be provided by California's Platrix Chapter of E. Clampus Vitus, a group of bewhiskered, red-shirted descendants of the '49ers. W. A. Ferris of Huntington Beach, California, has equipped a prairie schooner with the remnants of one of John Butterfield's desert blacksmith shops. His covered wagon will house the Centennial Anvil Chorus, and at every caravan stop from Tipton to San Francisco the anvil unit will present the anvil salute to the memory of Butterfield and the Overland Mail.

Random House, the New York publishers, have offered their facilities for publicizing the centennial along the line. It is possible that Waterman L. Ormsby's grandson, Ralph Ormsby of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, and John Butterfield's great grandson, Charles W. Childs of Utica, New York, may participate in the program.



*Nuderscher painting, courtesy  
Mo. Pac. Lines Museum*

**Transfer of Mail from Pacific Train  
to Overland Stage, Tipton, Sept.  
16, 1858**

Hosea J. Dixon of Noel, Missouri, who spent over 30 years in the railway mail service, is actively at work as postal coordinator westward from Tipton through Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. He has called on many Missouri post offices to promote the philatelic phase of the observance.

As the local committees organize to plan their programs, more and more people will be asked to volunteer their services to make the observance from St. Louis to the Arkansas line one which the members of the caravan will recall with fond memories.

#### THE 1957-1958 "BLUE BOOK"

The *Official Manual, State of Missouri, 1957-1958*, a 1,488-page volume, has been completed under the direction of Secretary of State Walter H. Toberman. Thelma P. Goodwin edited the publication, popularly known as "The Blue Book." The feature section, "Tragic Brotherhood," by Will Davis and Dan Saults, is the third of a series which will ultimately provide a brief history of Missouri from earliest exploration to the present and describes the Civil War in Missouri and General Joe Shelby's Mexican campaign. The volume includes an "Index of Historical Features in Missouri Official Manual, 1879-1956," a special section compiled by the State Historical Society. First appearing in the manual for 1941-1942, the index has been brought up to date by the Society with the appearance of each new volume.

#### ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Boonslick Historical Society met at New Franklin on February 17. Marvin Cain, assistant director of the Western Manuscripts Collection at the University of Missouri, addressed the group on "Edward Bates, Lincoln's Attorney General."

John Hendren, president of the Cole County Historical Society, named Mrs. John W. Hobbs, Mrs. James D. Idol, Chester Platt, Richard Schell, and Alex Vetter as trustees at the society's March business meeting. Mrs. James T. Blair, Sr., Mrs. Howard Cook, Miss Mildred Hammond, Ira Lohman, Foster B. McHenry, and William Tweedie were named directors of the organization. The group voted to combine the annual summer meeting with a tenth anniversary celebration to be held in the museum in May.

The display of First Ladies in the Cole County Historical Society Museum received a valuable addition recently when the enlarged photograph in oil of Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner, which had been hanging in the Executive Mansion for 41 years, was donated to the museum by members of the Gardner family. The Gardners presented a portrait of Mrs. Gardner to replace it in the mansion.

The Gentry County Historical Society met in Albany on April 13 and discussed historical sites in the county. New officers elected include John W. Patton, Albany, president; William H. Karr and Robert Birbeck, Stanberry, and Eliza Crawford, McFall, vice presidents; Mrs. Wray Besinger, Stanberry, secretary; Mrs. Chester Burks, King City, recording secretary; Edgar Lippincott, Stanberry, treasurer; George Vogt, Stanberry, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Lena Yeater, Albany, filing clerk and historian.

The Grand River Valley Historical Society met in the community room of the Chillicothe State Bank on April 10 and heard Miss Francyl Rickenbrode of Chillicothe speak on Avalon College. The school, located at Avalon in Livingston County, was an important educational institution of its day.

"Early Mills and Milling in Greene County" was the subject for the program of the Greene County Historical Society meeting held in the Springfield Public Library on February 27. Dr. C. Benton Manley discussed the early mills in the area, Max Hawkins exhibited rare photos of several mills, and John Campbell Vinton showed colored slides of Missouri mills and covered bridges.

At a meeting of the Greene County Historical Society held on March 27 in the Springfield Public Library, John K. Hulston of Springfield spoke on Nathan Boone, the youngest son of Daniel Boone and a pioneer resident of Greene County. Dr. H. Lee Hoover, president of the society, showed slides portraying the Boone home, which is located near Ash Grove.

The Greene County Historical Society met in the public library on April 24. Jewell E. Windle gave an illustrated address on Missouri's highway historical markers and showed "Glorifying Missouri's State Parks," a sound film recently prepared by the State Park Board to publicize the State parks.

The Hickory County Historical Society held its quarterly meeting in the courthouse at Hermitage on March 21. Several topics were discussed, including the early history of Hermitage, Bachelor's Hope Mine at Pittsburg, the grave of an unknown at Cross Timbers, and the Butterfield Overland Mail stations at Quincy and near Elkton.

The Historical Association of Greater St. Louis met in the Chouteau House of St. Louis University on March 7 to hear Dr. Harold Bulger discuss "Mapping the Trans-Mississippi West" and Professor David Ramsey speak on "Historical Development in Mexican Art." Dr. Bulger is a physician who has become a map collector of note, and Professor Ramsey, professor of art at Mexico City College, is visiting professor at St. Louis University.

The Jackson County Historical Society held its second meeting since reorganization at the Truman Library, Independence, on March 23, with 265 present. President W. Howard Adams discussed the role of Colonel John Wills Hambricht, pioneer citizen of the Fort Osage community, whose business and personal papers have been given the society by his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Susan Hamilton Huff of Buckner. Charles van Ravenswaay of St. Louis, director of the Missouri Historical Society, spoke on "Preserving Our American Heritage."

The Johnson County Historical Society recently distributed the first issue of *The Bulletin*, a neat, six-page, printed paper which outlines the aims of the society and carries brief articles of historical interest. Miss Icie F. Johnson, society historian, heads the editorial board.

The Macon County Historical Society met in the Callao High School on April 12, following a barbecue held for the benefit of the Callao centennial. A program of skits pertaining to Callao history and the centennial was presented under the direction of Mrs. L. J. Anderson.

George McCue, art critic for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Artists and Illustrators of the Civil War Period" at the Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, on March 28. The Missouri Historical Society was host for the program.

The Missouri Historical Society of St. Louis held its ninety-second anniversary dinner in the Khorassan Room of the Hotel Chase on April 24. Carl Feiss of Washington, D. C., city planner and urban renewal consultant, presented an illustrated talk, "The Future of the Past in Our Early Cities."

The Missouri Historical Society and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, assisted by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., sponsored a specialized training course for those engaged in the historic preservation field in St. Louis on April 24-26.

The Missouri "Show Me" Club of Los Angeles, California, held its March meeting at Clifton's Cafeteria on March 21. Florence Timmerhoff of St. Louis and her artists provided the program.

The club met at Clifton's Cafeteria on April 18 for a program featuring Mexico. Those present enjoyed guitar and vocal music by Luanne Kirby and Linda Chapman and a film, "Wonderful Mexico."

Mrs. Porter Barnhill spoke on early Missouri history at the Pike County Historical Society meeting held in the Methodist Church at Bowling Green on March 7. Mrs. Philip Schaper and Robert Henry provided a musical program of three folk songs and three early hymns with a brief discussion of each.

The Reverend Father Francis Bannon of St. Louis University spoke on "The Missouri Valley in History" at a dinner meeting of the St. Charles County Historical Society held at Sacred Heart Academy on April 24. Reinhart Steigemeier reviewed *Philippe Duchesne*, and A. Ray Oliver, treasurer of the Daniel Boone Association, described the status of the Boone home near Defiance. Officers elected at the meeting include Dayton Canaday, president; Mrs. R. M. Thomson and Mrs. Sandfort Menscher, vice presidents; Miss Lois Karr, secretary; Kurt Schnedler, treasurer; and Reinhart Steigemeier, historian.

The Saline County Historical Society met in the Slater Public Library on March 21. Allen Soper, Slater attorney, addressed the group on Washington Irving's visit to Saline County in 1832. The address also appears in the *Marshall Daily Democrat-News*, March 29.

## ANNIVERSARIES

The Academy of the Visitation, one of the oldest Catholic educational institutions in St. Louis, celebrated its 125th anniversary on May 2-4. A feature story by Sue Ann Wood in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, April 27, traces the history of the institution.

Bevier is planning a four-day celebration of its centennial for August 13-16. The town was laid out in 1858 by John Duff and named for Colonel Robert Bevier of Kentucky, who later became a noted Confederate leader.

The city of Holden, in Johnson County, is preparing to observe its centennial with a four-day celebration on September 17-20. George Collins heads the program committee. Holden was laid out by Isaac Jacobs on April 27, 1858, and named for Major W. B. Holden, prominent citizen and legislator.

Approximately 500 persons gathered to enjoy the hospitality of the Lawson Bank, Ray County's oldest financial institution, as the Lawson firm celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on March 15. To commemorate the occasion the bank issued a 24-page souvenir booklet describing its development in picture and story.

Meadville, in Linn County, will celebrate its centennial on August 28-31 and will stage a pageant on the first two nights. Walter Barnette is general chairman for the observance.

The Ralls County Courthouse Centennial will be celebrated in New London on July 20-26. Frank C. Bobbitt of Clarksville is director and coordinator of the observance.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rock Port is observing its centennial this year. S. W. Skelton has prepared a brief history of the organization's century of service.

Mayor Raymond R. Tucker of St. Louis has named an 18-member committee to plan the observance of the city's 200th anniversary in 1964. The committee, headed by Charles van Ravenswaay, director of the Missouri Historical Society, held its first meeting on April 21.

As part of the Sedalia centennial observance, which will be held in October, 1960, the committee in charge has inaugurated preparation of a city history, and chairman Donald S. Lamm has appointed a historical committee headed by B. B. Ihrig.

#### HONORS AND TRIBUTES

The memory of William Becknell, "father of the Santa Fe trail and founder of the Santa Fe trade," was honored on February 25 when a granite marker provided by the State of Texas was erected at his grave near Clarksville, Texas. Becknell, a native Virginian, moved to Franklin, Missouri, before 1817 and engaged in trading out of that point much of the time until he moved to Texas in 1835. He died in Texas in 1865.

Mrs. James T. Blair, Sr., of Jefferson City, mother of Governor James T. Blair, Jr., Cole County Circuit Judge Sam C. Blair, Cole County Probate Judge William C. Blair, and two daughters, Mrs. Lynn M. Ewing of Nevada, Missouri, and Mrs. A. Chapman Turner of Atlanta, Georgia, received the Missouri Mother of the Year citation in a ceremony held in the Governor's Mansion on April 29. Governor Blair presented the scroll to his mother. Mrs. James A. Finch, Jr., Cape Girardeau, chairman of the Missouri Mothers' Committee, gave Mrs. Blair a medallion, and Elston J. Melton of Boonville, president of the Missouri Press Association, paid a brief tribute to the honoree. The Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph A. Vogelweid, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, delivered the invocation and the benediction. John Hendren of Jefferson City, president of the Cole County Historical Society, presided and Mrs. J. W. Hobbs served as general chairman for the event.

Mrs. Blair, widow of one of Missouri's best known Supreme Court justices, joined other mothers in New York City on May 5-9, when the American Mother of the Year was announced.

Larry Alvin Brown, 15, a Houston schoolboy, received a bronze medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission on April 23 for having rescued a drowning girl from a rain-swollen creek on April 26, 1957.

Judge S. P. Dalton, chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, and Russell L. Dearmont, president of the Missouri Pacific Rail-

road, members of the Cape County Bar Association and former law partners, were honored by the organization at a testimonial dinner in Memorial Hall, Cape Girardeau, on April 19. Rush H. Limbaugh, chairman of the arrangements committee, paid tribute to the honorees, who were also presented certificates citing their individual accomplishments.

The Board of Regents of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville, has approved construction of a new residence hall to be named in honor of Eugene Fair, former president of the institution.

McCune Gill, board chairman of the Title Insurance Corporation, lawyer, and a leading authority on real estate titles and laws governing them, was presented the annual award of honor by the Lawyers Association of St. Louis at a dinner held in the Hotel Chase on April 18. Dr. Floyd C. Shoemaker was guest speaker and addressed the group on "Some Colorful Lawyers in Missouri History." Robert Kratky, president of the organization, presided.

Miss Karla Hennings, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Thomas C. Hennings, was crowned as Missouri's Princess at the Cherry Blossom Ball sponsored by the Missouri Society of Washington, D. C., on March 8. The society also honored Miss Hennings at a dinner in the Kennedy-Warren Hotel on March 26.

Mrs. Harry B. Mathews, Jr., of St. Louis received the Missouri Historical Society's first citation for historic preservation at the society's ninety-second anniversary dinner on April 24 "in recognition of her outstanding service in restoration of the Louis Bolduc House" in Ste. Genevieve.

William A. McDonnell, chairman of the board of the First National Bank in St. Louis, was elected on March 14 to a one-year term as president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, effective April 29.

Clarence E. Miller, 78, librarian for the Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis, since 1941, retired on April 30 after 60 years with the organization. Directors of the library association honored Miller, who became assistant librarian in 1904, at a luncheon held at the Noonday Club on April 22.



Dr. Frank Luther Mott, dean emeritus of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, has received several citations since the publication of the fourth volume of his series dealing with the development of American magazines. On April 14 he was cited by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, for distinguished service in research. On April 17 Dr. Mott received the research award from Kappa Tau Alpha, scholastic journalism fraternity. And on April 22 Dr. Mott received one of the richest awards available to historians when Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University, presented him a Bancroft prize in history, awarded annually for the best books published in certain fields of American history during the preceding year, at the annual Bancroft prize dinner in New York City.

Miss Calla E. Varner, 84-year-old principal emeritus of Central High School, St. Joseph, was honored on April 28 by the United States Chamber of Commerce as one of seven great living Americans. Philip M. Talbott, president of the organization, presented Miss Varner a bronze plaque citing her "skill and devotion as a teacher." Miss Varner came to Central in 1912, became vice principal in 1922, principal in 1924, and retired in 1944.

Rex M. Whitton, chief engineer for the Missouri State Highway Commission, was recently presented the Past Presidents' Certificate of the American Association of State Highway Officials, a group which he headed in 1956. A native of Jackson County and graduate of the University of Missouri, Mr. Whitton began his service with the State Highway Department in 1920.

David P. Wohl, St. Louis philanthropist and founder of the Wohl Shoe Company, was cited for his contribution "to humanitarian and civic causes" on April 9, as he received the Mark A. Edison plaque as "Shoe Man of the Year."

On February 26 the Missouri Senate adopted resolutions paying tribute to two recently deceased members of The State Historical Society. Resolution No. 15 honored Robert Steele Withers, Liberty, third vice president of the Society, for his work for better roads and his efforts as a local historian. Resolution No. 16 paid tribute to Eugene L. Preston, Liberty publisher, as an editor, civic leader, and president of the Northwest Missouri Press Association.

The Schering Corporation of Bloomfield, New Jersey, has given the Society from its "Medical America" series a map of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska which depicts medical memorabilia of local and national interest within the four-state area. The map pays tribute to the work of several Missouri doctors, including William Beaumont, Augustus C. Bernays, Louis Boisliniere, Walter Edward Dandy, Walter Blackburn Dorsett, Max A. Goldstein, Evarts A. Graham, William A. Hardaway, John T. Hodgen, Charles Hamilton Hughes, M. L. Linton, William M. McPheeters, Thomas Frazier Rumbold, John Sappington, Andrew T. Still, F. W. G. Thomas, and Flavel B. Tiffany. The map also locates in Missouri the first hospital known to have been opened west of the Mississippi River, the Sisters of Charity Hospital, later known as Mullanthy Hospital, in St. Louis, and notes briefly the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery and the schools of medicine at St. Louis University, the University of Missouri, and Washington University.

## NOTES

The Society loaned "Negro Soldier," a painting by Thomas Hart Benton, to the University of Kansas Museum of Art, Lawrence, Kansas, for its exhibition of the Missouri artist's work from April 12 to May 18. Benton completed the 58 by 70 inch canvas, which portrays the subject in battle dress as he resolutely charges the enemy, in 1942, and it was first used by the Government in propaganda work during World War II. The artist gave the painting to the Society in 1944.

The Society has recently received four scrapbooks filled with pictures and clippings relating to Missouri, a gift from the late Mrs. Walter Griffen of Hannibal. In 1951 Mrs. Griffen gave the Society three of her historical paintings.

John Francis McDermott, professor of English at Washington University, St. Louis, has given the Society a copy of his "Mrs. Trollope's Illustrator: Auguste Hervieu in America (1827-1831)," reprinted from *Gazette Des Beaux-Arts*, March, 1958.

Dr. F. F. Stephens, dean emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri, has given the Society a copy of Charles A. Deppe's "Autobiography." In the 168-page mimeo-

graphed publication Professor Deppe, who retired from Franklin College in 1952, recalls in detail his childhood in Gasconade County, his years in the University of Missouri, 1898-1902, and his teaching career at Sedalia, Doniphan, and LaGrange College.

The Honorable S. P. Dalton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri, has given the Society bound volumes of the memorials printed when the portraits of Judge William T. Ragland, Judge Ernest Moss Tipton, and Judge Berryman Henwood were presented to the Court; a folder describing the Court and its home and listing the portraits of former judges and their location in the building; and a list of the memorials which have been printed in the *Official Records* of the Court.

Merrill J. Mattes, Regional Historian for the National Park Service with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, has presented the Society a copy of *The Negro History Bulletin*, November, 1954, which contains a study in which he collaborated with Paul L. Beaubien, "George Washington Carver National Monument: The Archaeological Search for George Washington Carver's Birthplace." The site of the Carver birthplace is in Newton County about two and one-half miles southwest of Diamond, Missouri.

Charles van Ravenswaay, chairman of the St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission, has stated that an early start will be made on the restoration of four historic buildings at the Jefferson Barracks Historical Park. The buildings are a large and a small powder magazine, a laborers' house, and a carriage building, all made of limestone in the 1850's by two master builders, Charles H. Peck and Francis A. Quinette.

William Jewell College was one of 38 private, coeducational colleges reporting more than \$1,000,000 in voluntary support in 1957, according to a report issued by the Council for Financial Aid to Education. The Liberty institution received \$1,346,388. Among major private universities receiving unusually large sums were Washington University, St. Louis, \$11,182,271, and St. Louis University, \$4,368,734.

"The Missouri State Flag," an article by Allen L. Oliver which appeared in the October, 1957, *Missouri Historical Review*, was re-

printed in the March, 1958, issue of *School and Community*, the publication of the Missouri State Teachers Association.

The Kansas City Life Insurance Company has given the Society a copy of *Proud Heritage*, a booklet of stories from Kansas City's past, published by the company, edited by Robert S. Townsend, and illustrated with drawings by Frederic James. The original narrations were written by Donna DeCamp, William Stratton, and Arthur Williams for the Kansas City Hour, a weekly program sponsored by the company.

Sister Mary Eulalia Warin of Des Moines, Iowa, has given the Society two manuscripts relating the growth and work of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary in Ottumwa, Iowa. Before their arrival in Ottumwa in 1877 the Sisters were engaged for seven years in missionary work in five rural parishes in the Diocese of St. Joseph and in 1874 had erected a motherhouse in Liberty.

The Bar Association of St. Louis presented a re-enactment of the historic Dred Scott case in the Old Courthouse, St. Louis, scene of the original trial, on April 30 and May 1.

The application of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Katy) Railroad to discontinue its last two cross-State passenger trains was approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission on April 9. The trains operated between St. Louis and Parsons, Kansas.

The fifty-ninth annual state conference of the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution adopted a resolution proposing a pledge of allegiance to the State of Missouri: "We pledge allegiance also to the State of Missouri and to the ideals for which it stands. United with other States for the benefit of all, we march forward to a greater America."

Martin Eichenlaub of Bonne Terre has given the Society's manuscript collection a letter written by Thomas H. Benton to a Mr. Meehan and asking what state joined Delaware "to make the election of Mr. Jefferson," inquiring about the spelling of a name, and requesting good translations of Tacitus and Thucydides.

"The Legal Sooners of 1889," an article by Dr. Berlin B. Chapman in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* (Winter, 1957-1958), portrays John W. Noble's role in settling land disputes after the opening of Oklahoma in 1889. Noble, Secretary of Interior, 1889-1893, and sometimes called the "Father of Oklahoma," practiced law in St. Louis, 1855-1856. He returned to the city in 1865 and, until his death there in 1912, divided his time between professional and public interests. The article includes a photograph of Noble reproduced through the courtesy of The State Historical Society.

The Reverend Alfred J. Gerdel, Jr., of Neosho, has given the Society a 13-page typescript, "History of the Neosho Presbyterian Church," which sketches the organization's past from its founding in 1867 to 1957. Mrs. A. T. Sweet and Mrs. Robert Adams prepared the manuscript.

Edward C. Wright, Jr., past president of the Native Sons of Kansas City, gave an illustrated lecture, "Historic Landmarks of Jackson County," at the Heart of America Genealogical Society meeting held on March 8 in the Kansas City Museum.

Lee Meriwether was re-elected president of the Mark Twain Memorial Association at a meeting held in St. Louis on January 25.

Ripley's "Believe It or Not," a feature carried by many newspapers, recently portrayed "The First U. S. Monument Honoring A Woman," a statue in Haverhill, Massachusetts, of Mrs. Hannah Dustin. Mrs. Dustin's story was told on the back cover of the July, 1955, *Missouri Historical Review*.

The American Citizen Soldiers series by Ward L. Schrantz, in the *Carthage Evening Press*, has recently included the following articles dealing with Missouri history: "Carthage in the Philipines," February 25; "Missouri on the Mexican Border," April 22; and "Carthage on the Border," April 29.

"A Railroad That Never Hauled a Passenger," a feature story by George W. Somerville, president of the Grand River Historical Society and Museum, in the *Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune*, March 25, describes the unsuccessful efforts to build the Chillicothe & Des Moines Railroad.

"Old Civil War Mansion Yet in Use Southwest of Peculiar," in the Harrisonville *Cass County Democrat-Missourian*, April 18, 1957, tells the story of the J. R. Williams residence which was constructed in 1862 by slave labor. The article was written by Mrs. Floetta Walker of Hickman Mills.

"Bank Robber Who Blundered Hanged by a Missouri Mob," a story by Dale Wilson of an 1891 lynching at Corder, appeared in the *Kansas City Star*, August 25, 1957. The author, a native of Corder and now Sunday and feature editor of the *Milwaukee Journal*, has given the Society a photostat of the *Star's* first report of the robbery and pictures relating to the crime.

"Missouri History Told in Dolls," a feature story by Erma Young in the *Kansas City Star*, March 2, describes the doll collection made by Mrs. Mary Paxton Keeley of Columbia for display in the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition. Eighteen women who played important roles in early Missouri history and two fictional characters are depicted in the group.

"Revising a Colossal War Painting for the Liberty Memorial," a feature story by John Alexander in the *Kansas City Star*, March 9, describes the work of Daniel MacMorris, Kansas City portrait artist and muralist, in restoring a portion of the "Pantheon de la Guerre" to use as a mural for the north side of Memory Hall in the Liberty Memorial. The original 420 by 50 foot painting, begun in 1914, represents the efforts of 128 artists over a period of four years and contains recognizable features of over 6,000 persons.

"History on the Block," an article in the *Kansas City Star*, April 23, describes the old Watkins mill property, which was sold at public auction on May 6.

In "Neosho World War I Hero Tells How He Won Medal of Honor," in the *Springfield Daily News*, March 28, M. Waldo Hatler of Neosho, one of only 46 Medal of Honor winners in the struggle, tells how he won the coveted award. His citation reads, ". . . he was the first to offer his services [to secure information regarding the enemy] and succeeded in swimming the river and reaching the German lines. He courageously reconnoitered the enemy's position, which was held in force, and swam the river, bringing back information of great value."

"I Knew Jesse James' Mother," an article by Homer Croy in *Parade*, the magazine section of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, March 23, describes "the woman behind James—his mother."

"City's Song Heard Round the World," a feature story by Charles Menees in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, April 7, tells the story of W. C. Handy and his popular composition, *St. Louis Blues*, which has been recorded more than any other piece of music and, as a sheet music seller, has topped the field with possibly 3,000,000 copies.

"A Gallery of Great Missouri Lawyers," in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, April 27, is a brief resumé of the address delivered by Dr. Floyd C. Shoemaker at the McCune Gill award of honor dinner given by the Lawyers Association of St. Louis on April 18. Dr. Shoemaker noted briefly the careers of eleven colorful members of the State bar during Missouri's first century as a part of the United States, including Stephen Fuller Austin, Thomas Hart Benton, Alexander William Doniphan, Henry Sheffie Geyer, Francis Preston Blair, Jr., Charles Daniel Drake, Carl Schurz, James Milton Turner, Richard Parks Bland, Francis Marion Cockrell, and George Graham Vest.

"Solons in School," an article by the Reverend Peter J. Rahill of St. Louis, in the *St. Louis Review*, March 9, describes the disputes over the location of Missouri's capitol and details the period when, after the fire of February 5, 1911, St. Peter's parish building in Jefferson City served as a meeting place for the State House of Representatives until the close of the session of the General Assembly.

"Ralls County, Known For Its Salt Works, Handsome Courthouse, and Educational and Religious Leaders," the address delivered by Floyd C. Shoemaker at the dedication of the New London highway historical marker on April 27, was reprinted in the *Perry Enterprise*, May 1.

#### HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

*Central Route to the Pacific.* By Gwinn Harris Heap. Edited by LeRoy R. Hafen and Ann W. Hafen. (Glendale, California:

The Arthur H. Clark Company, 1957. 346 pp. Indexed. \$9.50.) In the 1850's Congress became engrossed in debate over the selection of a transcontinental railroad route. This volume treats the fight for the Central Route and the first expedition to cover its entire course.

In 1853 Lieutenant E. F. Beale, a friend of Missouri's Senator Thomas Hart Benton, was appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs in California. Benton induced Beale to travel to the Pacific Coast by way of the Central Route so that he could employ Beale's travel reports to give favorable publicity to the route.

In making up his party of 12, Beale invited his cousin, Gwinn Harris Heap, to serve as journalist. Benton accompanied the group from St. Louis to Westport, making speeches in praise of the Central Route. The Beale-Heap party left Westport on May 10, 1853.

The Heap journal was printed serially in the *National Intelligencer* and in 1854 appeared in book form. This volume reprints that book with two related documents, Benton's "Letter to the People of Missouri," taken from a photostat of the original pamphlet in the library of The State Historical Society of Missouri, and "Substance of Colonel Benton's Speeches at Kansas, Westport, and Independence, May 6th and 7th," a summary of Benton's speeches as he accompanied the expedition, from the *Jefferson City Inquirer*, May 28, 1853.

*The German Language Press in America.* By Carl Wittke. (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1957. viii, 311 pp. Indexed. \$6.50.) This is the story of German-language journalism in the United States beginning with the *Philadelphische Zeitung* of 1732, through the peak years of the 1890's when nearly 800 German newspapers were published, to 1956 when scarcely two dozen survived.

Professor Wittke states that the St. Louis *Anzeiger des Westens*, 1835-1898, was the most successful and most influential German paper in Missouri. A serious rival was the *Westliche Post*, 1857-1938, edited by Emil Praetorius for 40 years. Both Carl Schurz and Joseph Pulitzer were identified with this paper for a time as part owners. The German-language press of St. Louis, once among the most influential in America, has now disappeared except for a small weekly and two church papers.



*The Mormons.* By Thomas F. O'Dea. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1957. xii, 289 pp. Indexed. \$5.00.) This study, written by a non-Mormon, tells how a small, embattled religious sect developed in only a century into a substantial American denomination and community. The author also examines Mormon beliefs and values and their ecclesiastical and community structure, and in the final chapter he discusses the strain and conflict within the church.

The author sketches the Mormon troubles in Missouri and states they were due to the newcomers' increase in numbers, their outspoken opinions "concerning their divine right to the region, their industriousness and thrift, their purchase of land, their friendly attitude toward the Indians, and their suspected abolitionism."

*Doc W. F. Carver, Spirit Gun of the West.* By Raymond W. Thorp. (Glendale, California: The Arthur H. Clark Company, 1957. 266 pp. Indexed. \$8.50.) William Frank Carver, named "Spirit Gun" by the Santee for his remarkable talent with the rifle, became the champion marksman of the world. After inventing the art of roping buffalo, Carver originated the Wild West Show and formed a short-lived partnership with William F. Cody. When Doc Carver died in 1927 he was regarded as the dean of the plainsmen. On the Missouri scene the action includes a shooting match with a guerrilla captain at Neosho, an incident with desperados at Springfield, matches at St. Louis, Kansas City, and St. Joseph, and the presentation of "The Scout" at St. Louis and Kansas City.

*The Dark Missouri.* By Henry C. Hart. (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1957. xviii, 260 pp. Indexed. \$6.00.) The Missouri River drains one-sixth of the Nation. Moisture conditions vary considerably within this great basin, with the states in the lower portion getting sufficient water while those in the upper part get too little. Professor Hart has gathered information on the amount of water that must be managed to fulfill the diverse needs of this area and offers a new approach for governing the basin's water resources, as he observes that we are not yet prepared to meet the worst the Missouri can deliver, nor are we ready to derive the maximum benefits which it can provide.

*Buckskin and Blanket Days.* By Thomas Henry Tibbles. (Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1957.

336 pp. Not indexed. \$4.50.) Tibbles recalls interesting phases of his life as a pioneer, scout, hunter, and friend of the Indians from his youth in Kansas, where he served for a time on Jim Lane's staff, until he witnessed the Battle of Wounded Knee as a newspaper correspondent in 1890.

*The Frontier Mind: A Cultural Analysis of the Kentucky Frontiersman.* By Arthur K. Moore. (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1957. xii, 264 pp. Indexed. \$5.00.) The writer uses Kentucky, the first frontier west of the Appalachians, as a laboratory in which he examines the evolution of the frontier mind. His study questions Frederick Jackson Turner's frontier hypothesis and concludes that the frontiersmen in general were factious, sectarian, materialistic, and anti-intellectual.

*Prairie and Mountain Sketches.* By Matthew C. Field. Edited by Kate L. Gregg and John Francis McDermott. (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1957. liv, 239 pp. Indexed. \$4.50.) In 1843 Matthew C. Field, assistant editor of the New Orleans *Picayune*, joined a pleasure-seeking expedition to the Rockies led by a wealthy Scottish sportsman, Sir William Drummond Stewart. Field's on-the-spot account of the party's adventures appears in full here for the first time, an account prepared from his diaries, letters, and articles written for the *Picayune* and the St. Louis *Reveille*. Clyde and Mae Reed Porter sought out the manuscripts and articles used in preparation of the text.

*Guns on the Early Frontiers: A History of Firearms from Colonial Times through the Years of the Western Fur Trade.* By Carl P. Russell. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1957. xvi, 395 pp. Indexed. \$8.50.) This is the story of guns which influenced the history of the American West. The writer is especially concerned with firearms used during the early nineteenth century, but he discusses the people who made, sold, and used them, and the gun trade as a factor in westward expansion. Chapters are also devoted to "Powder, Ball, and Accessories" and "Small Cannon of the Traders and the Military." This well-illustrated volume is of special interest to the historian, gun collector, and museum curator.

*Kentucky Cavaliers in Dixie.* By George Dallas Mosgrove. Edited by Bell Irvin Wiley. (Jackson, Tennessee: McCowat-Mercer Press, Inc., 1957. xxvi, 281 pp. Indexed. \$6.00.) This volume, originally published in 1895, is in the words of the editor "a strange conglomerate of romanticism and realism," in which "the influence of Sir Walter Scott shows plainly on the pages." Mosgrove, as a youth of 18, enlisted in the Fourth Kentucky Cavalry in 1862 and was soon assigned to regimental headquarters as clerk and orderly. Later in brigade headquarters he assisted the adjutant as copyist and messenger and met many persons of high rank. Mosgrove depicts the life of the Confederate soldier realistically and at times flashes a fine sense of humor.

*Known Military Dead During Mexican War 1846-48.* By Clarence Stewart Peterson. (Baltimore: Clarence Stewart Peterson, 1957. xiii, 170 pp. Not indexed. N. p.) This mimeographed publication, with bibliography and introduction, is an alphabetical listing of the Mexican War dead, the organization with which each served, the date of death and, in some cases, the place of death.

*The New-York Historical Society's Dictionary of Artists in America, 1564-1860.* By George C. Groce and David H. Wallace. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1957. xxvii, 759 pp. \$15.00.) This documented biographical dictionary includes over 10,000 sketches of "painters, draftsmen, sculptors, engravers, lithographers, and allied artists." In so far as possible the sketches include the "full name, dates and places of birth and death, media and subject matter of his work, chronology of residences and exhibitions, pupils, and in some instances locations and reproductions of representative works."

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AT LEAST THE TITLE WAS HONEST

From the *Chillicothe Daily Democrat*, February 5, 1904.

Mabel Parker, the Missouri girl, better known as the "Queen of Forgers," was last week sentenced by a New York judge to the Bedford reformatory for an indefinite period. Unlike most girls, this Missourian earned her title.

THE LINE FORMS TO THE RIGHT, GIRLS

An advertisement, from the Franklin *Missouri Intelligencer*, December 3, 1819.

A Wife Wanted.—A Lady who possesses an ordinary share of good sense, who has had a liberal education, who has not corrupted the mind with too much novel reading, who has somewhat expanded the imagination with a moderate course of proper history, who is an adept in plain needle work, who is acquainted with the duties of the kitchen as well as to decorate a drawing room; whose bosom glows with becoming warmth; whose sensorium is so happily organized as not to be moved to extremes upon trivial or common occurrences, & who is not too fond of visiting, would obtain an answer by a line to A. B.

NO GENTLEMAN WOULD SMOKE TWO CIGARETTES

From the *Columbia Missouri Herald*, June 8, 1906.

The story that the late Col. William F. Switzler had never smoked a cigarette is true with a very slight modification. Col. Switzler had never smoked but one cigarette. On his eighty-fifth birthday he was induced to break over the rule of his life by a couple of enterprising correspondents for the metropolitan papers who happened to be shy of news at the time. After smoking the cigarette Col. Switzler remarked: "I have always said that no gentleman would smoke a cigarette. I now retract that statement and say that no gentleman would smoke two cigarettes."

A CHEAP POLITICAL TRICK

From the *Sedalia Daily Democrat*, October 30, 1872.

We understand that there is a nice little political trick being practised by Radicals in this city, by which to cheat Democrats out of their votes. Under the statutes of the state a man disfranchises himself by betting on the election. The game is, for some Radical striker to go round and induce Democrats and Liberals to enter into small bets, and then on election day challenge them at the polls. To get bets, two to one is sometimes offered, and such pitiful amounts as 50 cents to \$1 are staked. Democrats and Liberals, beware of the trick.—*St. Joseph Gazette*.

## AN OBVIOUS SOLUTION TO THE SERVANT PROBLEM

From the *Boonville Weekly Eagle*, December 16, 1870.

On Wednesday last, another cargo of Swedes arrived in this city in charge of Mr. John F. Bennett, the agent who went over after them to supply the demand of the people in this section of the country, for good servants. The company consisted of forty-three girls, five boys, and two men with their families. Mr. Bennett took orders from the people of this vicinity before he started, and selected for each person wanting help the particular kind of servant required; hence all had homes engaged before leaving their native land. They all look neat, healthy and robust, and will be a valuable acquisition to our country. . . .

JOE BOWERS

From Vance Randolph, *Ozark Folksongs* (Columbia: The State Historical Society, 1948), II, 192. [For first verse see Floyd C. Shoemaker, "Pike County."]

I used to court a gal back home, her name was Sally Black,  
I ask her if she'd marry me, she says it is a whack,  
Oh Sally, dearest Sally, oh Sally, for your sake  
I'll go to Californy an' try to git a stake.

When I come to this country I hadn't nary red,  
I got so God-damned hungry I wished that I was dead,  
An' so I took to minin', put in my biggest licks,  
I come down on them boulders like a hundred thousan' bricks.

One day I git a letter from my dear brother Ike,  
It come from old Missouri, an' all the way from Pike,  
It was the damndest letter a body ever see,  
My heart it was a-bustin', an' it like to ruint me.

It said my gal had done me dirt, her love for me had went,  
She married a red-head butcher an' he wasn't worth a cent,  
An more'n that, the letter says, which made me cuss an' swear,  
That Sally had a baby, an' the baby had red hair.

## ON A MISSISSIPPI BLUFF TOP

From the editorial page of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, April 26, 1958.

If there is a part of the St. Louis area more historic and at the same time more generally unappreciated than Jefferson Barracks, it does not come to mind. Fortunately that neglect is now beginning to be repaired. Charles van Ravenswaay, chairman of the St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission, has announced that an early start is in store for the projected restoration of four historic structures erected more than a century ago. Provision by the County Council of \$95,400 will make it possible to restore two powder magazines, a two-story house and a carriage house—all built in the early 1850s with native limestone.



Of the original Jefferson Barracks area, the County Council now is in charge of 139 acres which are being divided into three sections by appropriate landscaping. One will surround the historic buildings, containing museum displays of arms fashioned at the old St. Louis Arsenal, as well as artillery returned to St. Louis from the Indian campaigns. Another will be for recreational activities such as baseball and other games. Still another will be set aside for Boy Scout encampments and jamborees.

The Council members may be commended vigorously for the Jefferson Barracks park project now under way.

JESSE DIDN'T DO IT

From the *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, October 27, 1872.

Jackson County, Mo., Oct. 15.

To the *Kansas City Times*.

I have just read an article in the Independence *Herald* charging Frank and myself with robbing the ticket office at the Kansas City exposition grounds. This charge is baseless and without foundation, . . . I can prove where I was at the very hour the gate was robbed, and, fortunately for me, there were several persons close by with whom I am very well acquainted, and who will testify that I was miles away from Kansas City. I will meet Marshal Page and any two men who say that they know the robbers, and convince them that I am innocent. . . .

I have been in Jackson county nearly all of the summer, and have been hiding from no one. I have been in Independence very frequently, attending to legitimate business, and have harmed no man, and taken money from no man.

. . . . A man charged with robbery these days is most invariably set upon by a mob after he is captured, and hung or murdered without judge or jury. If I could have a fair trial I could prove my innocence before any jury in the state. . . .

Very respectfully, Jesse W. James.

HE SAW THE LIGHT!

From the *Columbia Herald*, May 1, 1890.

One of the young men from Columbia, Missouri, here [in Kansas City] attending the intercollegiate oratorical contest, remained over in the city last night. He stopped at the Centropolis Hotel, retiring about 10. At midnight the hall man noticed a peculiar odor, as if from burning cloth. Together with the night clerk and a police officer, he made an examination and finally located it in the room of the young collegian. After five minutes hammering on the young fellows' door, he was brought to his feet. He made his appearance to the searchers in a half-dazed sort of way, and wanted to know what was the matter.

As soon as the night clerk entered the room he saw the cause of the trouble. The young man had wrapped a thin towel around the incandescent electric globe and it had become scorched.

"What on earth!" exclaimed the night clerk, "do you mean by this?"

"The light hurt my eyes and I wanted to hide it," exclaimed the young fellow.

"Why didn't you put it out, then?"

"Well," he said in an apologetic fashion, "I blew and blew on the thing till I thought I'd go to pieces, and then I gave it up."

There will be fun on the campus when that young man returns.

#### ST. LOUIS—ON THE BROAD MISSOURI

From *Ford Times*, May, 1958. By Grover Brinkman.

Ask anyone what river the city of St. Louis is located on and you're liable to get a sarcastic reply something like: "Everyone knows St. Louis is on the Mississippi!"

Smile patiently, and shake your head. St. Louis isn't on the Mississippi River—and you can prove it.

Authority for that statement is no less than the United States Geological Survey. The City of St. Louis, the U. S. G. S. says, has never been on the Mississippi River, despite the cartographers, the geography and history books, the teachers—and the tourists. It is on the Missouri River.

Remember that some fifteen miles upstream, the Mississippi and Missouri merge into a single giant stream. However, as the muddy Missouri surges into the Mississippi near St. Charles, Missouri, it forces the river's normal current toward the east bank. The two streams move southward, intermixing very little for more than thirty-five miles, far south of St. Louis. In other words, there are two distinct streams in one riverbed.

River pilots, from the days of the packets until today, have always claimed they could definitely tell when their boats were in the "Mississippi stream" or the "Missouri stream" as they approached St. Louis from downriver. Aerial photographs and water samples further substantiate the claim. But St. Louisians aren't getting too excited about it as long as the muddy flood keeps rushing past their front door.

#### MISSOURI'S "KNIGHTS OF TROY"

From the *Troy Lincoln County Herald*, July 5, 1867.

. . . the Fourth of July is now my theme. I made my way out to the Tournament grounds. . . . Something impelled me forward—I could not resist; and soon, oh, ye gallants, deliver me! I found myself, a bashful young man, right in the midst of sparkling eyes, rosy cheeks, ice-cream and strawberry lips, pearly white teeth and voluptuous forms. . . .

About this time, Mr. Local, to my great relief, I heard the cries, "They are coming!" "Oh, dont they look nice!" This had reference to the Knights—all gorgeously arrayed. These equestrians—contending for three beautiful crowns, to be bestowed upon their heart's own—presented a fine appearance. They were soon formed, and "Knight of the Blue Cloud," was sounded and reechoed along the line. . . .

The signal, and off bounded his neighing charger. C-l-i-n-g, c-l-i-n-g, went the spear against the rings. "Good time—two rings," came from the judges.

Then followed another Knight, and so on to the close, each running five rounds. The victors were "Knight of Troy" (Mr. Jas. Jackson)—12 rings; "Knight of the Red Cross," who was also Captain, (Mr. C. P. Frazier)—9 rings; "Knight of Night" (Mr. Will Bennett)—8 rounds.

These young gallants then selected and crowned Miss Georgie Woolfolk, Queen of Love and Beauty; Miss Annie Young, First Maid of Honor; Miss Lou Hutt, Second Maid of Honour.

[The Tournament Club hoped to secure funds for the destitute in the South, but inclement weather made the event a financial failure.]

#### MISSOURI'S STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From *Missouri Press News*, April, 1958.

An organization which is of great importance to the people of the state is the State Historical Society of Missouri. It has a membership of over 10,000 and it is the largest organization of its kind in the country. The Missouri society has been a part of our state's life since 1898, when it was founded by the Missouri Press Association. It has grown steadily since that time. Its mammoth library includes over 100,000 books and pamphlets. There are nearly 28,000 bound volumes of Missouri newspapers and magazines. There are over 8 million positive microfilmed pages of newspapers published in the state. The Society has a fine collection of the paintings of George Caleb Bingham, the eminent Missouri artist, a display of Thomas Hart Benton's art and there is also a collection of original cartoons by Daniel Fitzpatrick, of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Dr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the State Historical Society is one of the finest historians in the United States. The *Missouri Historical Review*, which is issued quarterly, is probably the outstanding historical publication in the country.

The Society is now engaged in a statewide survey of Missouri historical sites. It is being undertaken with the cooperation of the Society's facilities.

When the new library at the University of Missouri is finished the Society will be in much larger quarters, with greatly improved facilities. Researchers and writers from all over the country use the Society's facilities because of its detailed historical material on the early days of Missouri and the entire Middle West.—Maysville *DeKalb County Record-Herald*.

#### RURAL MAIL CARRIERS HONOR THE MISSOURI MULE

From the *Macon Chronicle-Herald*, March 28, 1958. Extracts from an address delivered to the Macon County Rural Mail Carriers' Association in June, 1907, by its president, Garfield A. Smith.

[After trying Western ponies, thoroughbreds, and Missouri mules] I stopped with the mule because I found his loyalty to the Government the greatest. Your Western pony never knows the national holidays. My mules know every one of them, and you couldn't get 'em to work that day for a double feed.

. . . They know every patron along the whole 24 miles, and stop closer to the box than an engineer could stop his train. When I close the box, that's the signal to go, and they're off on a gallop.

One day a fellow took my team out, and at one of the boxes they balked; wouldn't go a step further. He got down and looked at the harness and the buggy but there was nothing wrong. Finally the farmer came out to get his mail, and when he got it he closed the box. Then the mules started off on the jump. The driver had failed to close the lid . . . and they wouldn't go till they heard it come down.

One of them got hurt one day and I left him at home, but before I got half over the route, he overtook us. I tried to make him go back, but he wouldn't, and he made the entire trip, jogging along beside the team just the same as if he was under bond to go, sick or well.

Your automobile would never show patriotism like that. Like as not it would blow up its inards first hill you come to. It don't give a darn whether the mail ever gets around or not, but mules take an interest; they keep going; nothing can stop 'em until every man has got his mail.—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, June 9, 1907.

#### JOPLIN IS LABELED BIRTHPLACE OF JAZZ

From the *Joplin Globe*, March 9, 1958.

"Modern jazz . . . was born in Joplin, not New Orleans, as is commonly believed."

Ragtime Bob Darch, the remarkable pianist-entertainer . . ., is responsible for the above statement; and he has sound arguments to back his claim. . . .

"All music stems from the classics," Darch explained. "Ragtime is the bridge between the classics and modern music as we know it; and ragtime was born right here in Joplin. The old original House of Lords bar comes as close to being the specific birthplace as you can find."

The smiling man in the gay nineties costume eagerly leaned forward in his chair to continue the discussion. "Ragtime encompasses the period between 1896 and 1915," he said, "and the word 'jazz' first appeared in the old *Police Gazette* in 1915. The *Police Gazette* was the show business publication of the period." Darch contends that jazz started as ragtime, evolving into what it is today.

. . . [Darch] said that he has proof that all the men who helped formulate classical ragtime lived and performed within an 80-mile radius of Joplin; and all of them played piano at the House of Lords. . . . At that time, the first floor of the establishment was a saloon and restaurant, the second was devoted to games of chance and the third was occupied by ladies of easy virtue.

In this yeasty environment, such musical greats as Percy Wenrich, the famed "Joplin Kid," Scott Joplin, "Jelly Roll" Morton, Arthur Marshall, Otis Saunders, Sam Patterson, Charles L. Johnson and James Scott, who was known as "The Chopin of Ragtime," played from time to time.

Wenrich was fascinated by the music of the colored piano players. He haunted the "House," learning everything he could from the colored musicians who were, in reality, musical pioneers. Wenrich . . . eventually left Joplin to make a name for himself as the composer of such hits as "On Moonlight Bay," "I Wore a Tulip and You Wore a Big Red Rose," "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet," "Peaches and Cream Rag," and "Sweet Cider Time When You Were Mine."

Darch believes that John Stark of Sedalia played a major role in the development of ragtime. He was the first man to publish the music popularized by Negro musicians. The first great rag number to be published was "The Maple Leaf Rag" (by Scott Joplin), in 1899.

#### THEY HAD TO STAY WELL OR DIE

From the *Hannibal Courier-Post*, February 28, 1957. Extracts from "Pioneers Used Diverse Methods to Keep Healthy," by Mrs. Oliver Howard.

Have you swallowed your sulphur and molasses? Is your asafetida bag well moistened? Laugh if you want to, you are near doctors and hospitals, but the pioneers had to stay well or die, and so they tried measures which seem funny to us. . . .

Some doctors were homeopaths, believing that "like cures like." They used remedies which in a healthy person would produce symptoms of disease. Other doctors were allopathists, who tried to create conditions opposite to that caused by disease. . . . Unfortunately, no matter how sincere these educated men were, they had only cathartics, herbs, and a few drugs. Their greatest assets were their bedside manners. They did ably dispense that faith which people now buy at high prices from psychiatrists. . . .

One stock in trade with frontier doctors was calomel (mercurous chloride). . . . It was usually prescribed for ague (fever and chills) but improper use caused extreme salivation. . . .

A popular frontier ballad told in numerous verses about old Hiram Sands, who was given too much calomel, fatally salivated and "In agony he did yell, and all because of the calomel."

Ague and malaria were common ailments of settlers. . . . Folks thought they got these diseases from breathing the miasma from swamps, or from inhaling poisonous night air. It was generally conceded that "night air was pizen" and housewives shut the door and shuttered the windows at dusk. . . .

Housewives grew herbs and knew their uses. They also knew about calamus roots, vermifuge, horehound, catnip, black draught, sassafras, vinegar stew (for colds) and others. Horehound was for coughs. Sassafras tea thinned and purified the blood which may have become sluggish during the winter.

Poultices were used by pioneers and these fragrant mixtures were worn in my own youth, in our pre-miracle drug days. There was no end to the things one might bind on a sore place or back inside a finger "stall"—meal, flax seed, bread and milk, chopped raw potato, fat meat—everyone had his own preference. . . .

But if I were on a frontier with no doctors I would take no chances. I would refuse to start building or making anything on Friday, purchase a mad stone to cure hydrophobia, rub sage on the soles of my feet, tie a wool yarn around my waist, and carry a rabbit's foot, determined to stay well or die trying.

## THE TERRAPIN AND THE HAWK

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We often wonder how much of the old folklore is reliable and how much of it is pure hokum. Take the phenomenon, thunder. Is it true that it causes milk to sour and prevents eggs from hatching? Some say, yes, others, no. Is it a fact that a turtle holds on until it thunders? I believed it when a boy and was never on good terms with these reptiles that frequented our swimming hole. It would be bad if one got hold of a fellow's toe when no storm clouds were in sight. Later on I came to regard this as pure superstition, but I am not so sure now. Not since I heard about the terrapin and the hawk in Ozark County, Missouri.

. . . In January, 1957, a milk hauler was running his route between Gainesville and Ava. He heard a commotion in the bushes by the side of the road and stopped to investigate. He found a terrapin holding on to a hawk's toe. How the bird and the reptile got into this position, no one knows, but there they were. The hawk tried to fly, but the weight of the terrapin held it down. The man picked them up, tossed them into his truck, and carried them into town.

A crowd collected on the town square and everyone was interested to see how long the terrapin would hold on. The whittlers left their perch under the big elm, folded their knives and put their whittling sticks away. The boys pitching horseshoes back of the blacksmith shop stopped their game and joined the crowd. Men poured out of the pool hall for ring-side seats. They got out their watches and settled down to see what would happen.

The sun moved slowly through the afternoon sky. A popcorn peddler made his way through the crowd, doing a good business. A boy went to the spring for a bucket of water, but it was soon emptied. There was not a cloud in the sky and no possibility of thunder. Had a storm appeared with electrical display it might have made history out of folklore. . . .

Exactly four hours after the pair was picked up, the terrapin loosened its hold and the hawk was free. It was uninjured, but would be a marked bird the rest of its life. . . . No show was ever staged with less action for even the hawk seemed resigned to its fate and seldom moved. But it proved that members of the Emyidae (tortoise) family to have the tendency to "hold on" for a considerable length of time. Perhaps there is more science in folklore than we think.

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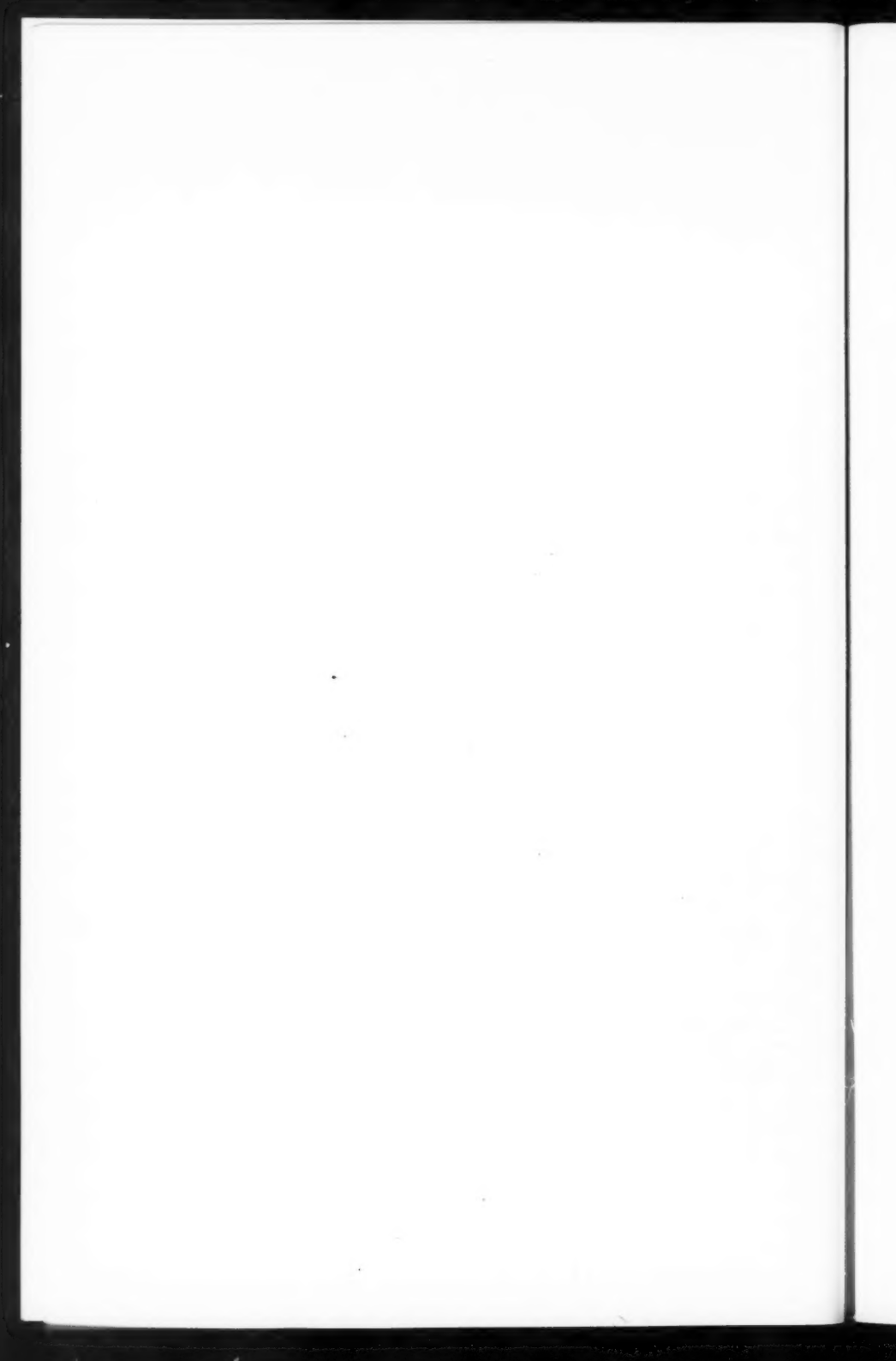
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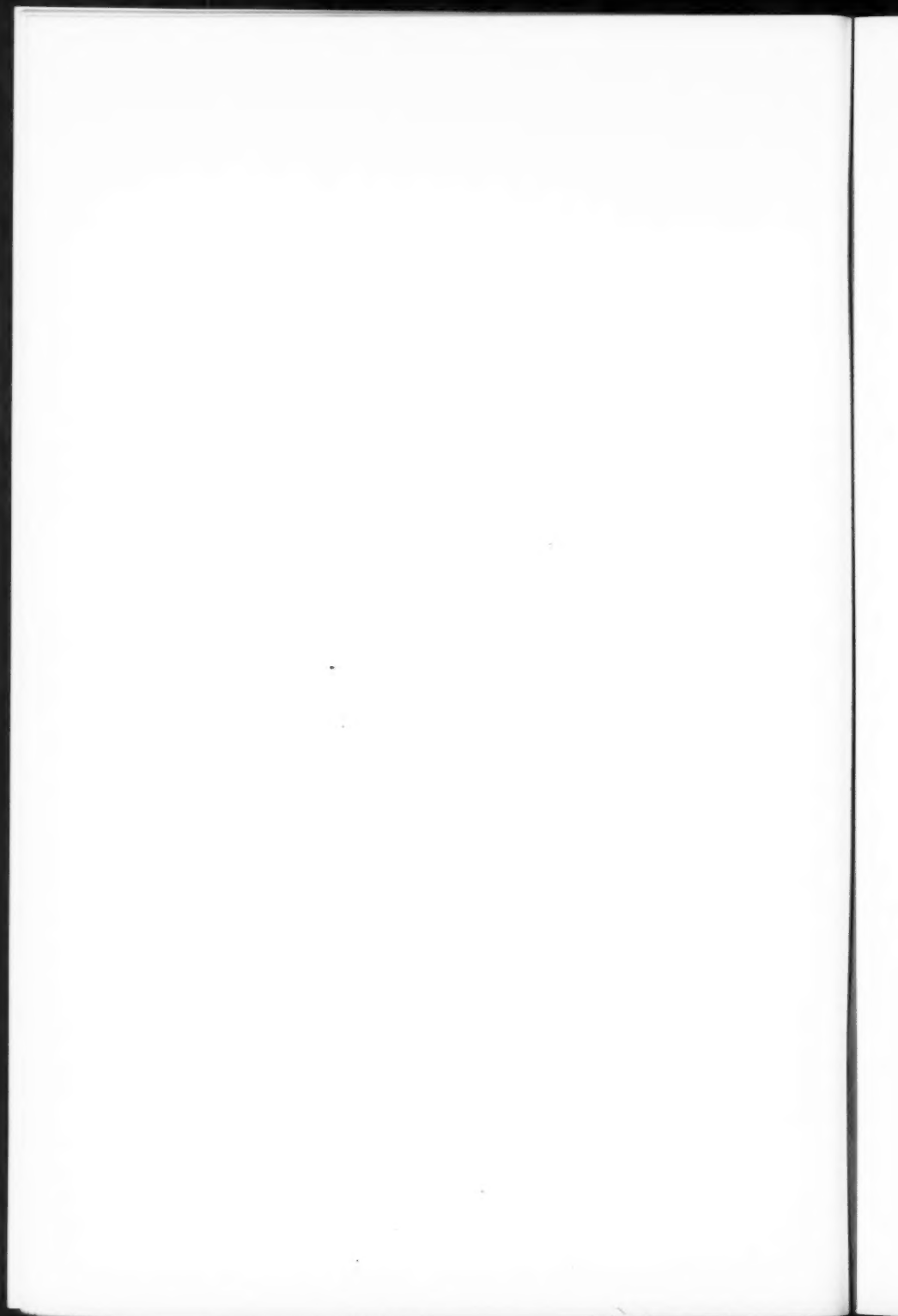
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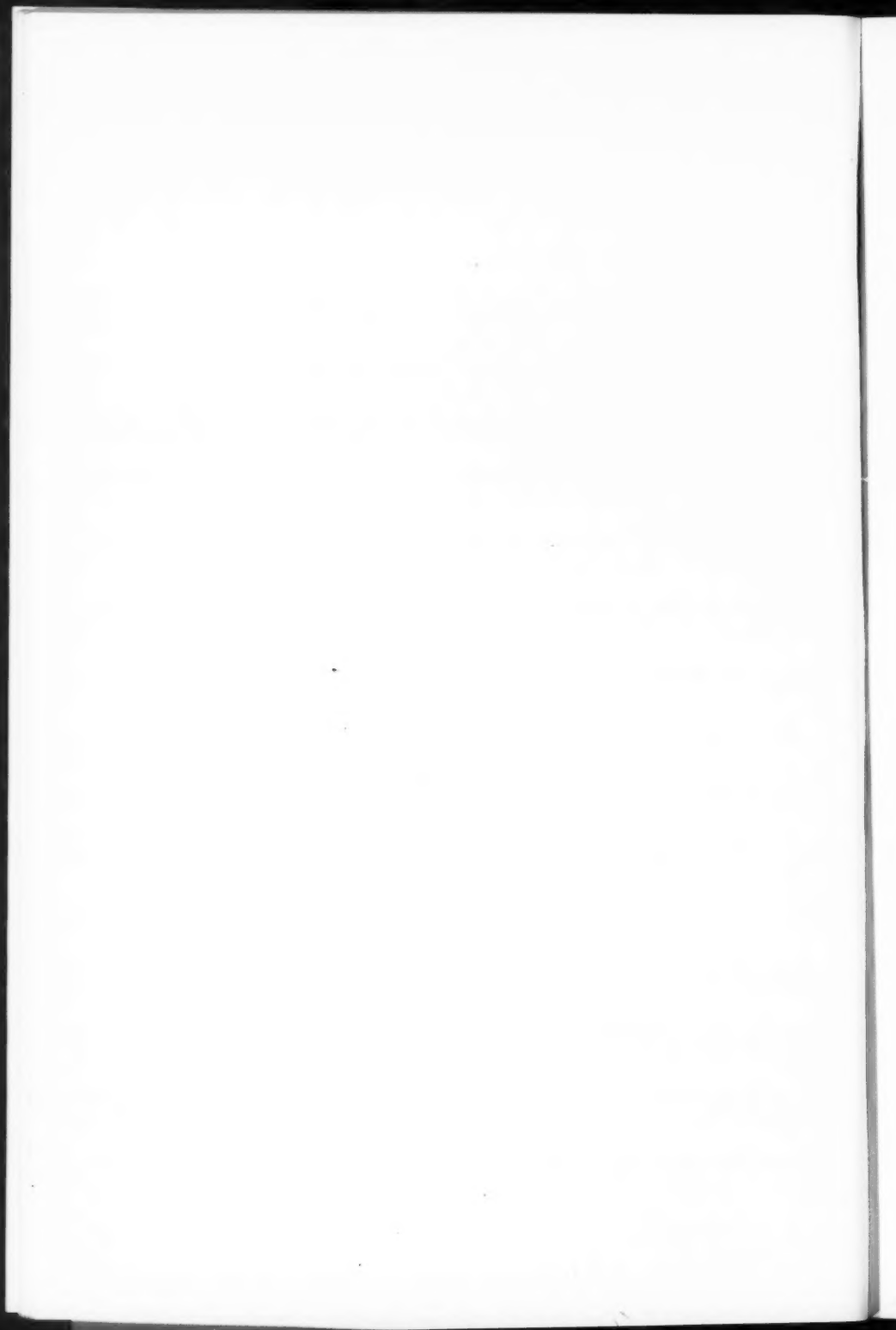
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The most important Mark Twain site in Hannibal is the boyhood home, purchased and presented to the city by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mahan and son, Dulany, in 1912, and the Mark Twain Memorial Museum, a two-story stone structure adjoining the house, built under the auspices of the Hannibal Chamber of Commerce and dedicated in 1935. The home is furnished in keeping with the tradition of the Clemens family, and the museum contains articles associated with local history and Mark Twain memorabilia, including the orchestrelle made to his order in 1904 and on loan from The State Historical Society of Missouri.

Also in Hannibal are the Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn statue, the Mark Twain Memorial Garden, and the House of Pillasters, all provided by members of the Mahan family, and the Mark Twain Lighthouse, the John Marshall Clemens law office, and the Mark Twain statue. The Mark Twain Home Board administers these holdings, and the city provides funds for their maintenance. Admission is free, but donation boxes are provided for those who wish to donate.

The citizens of Hannibal are to be commended for their effort to preserve the buildings and memories associated with Mark Twain.



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## THE CIRCUS

"When I was a boy every American lad seemed to be in reach of a circus. Although Paris [Missouri] had less than 2000 inhabitants, no season passed without at least one big show. . . .

"As a preliminary to the coming of a circus to Paris, the four sides of our Courthouse lawn would be entirely inclosed with billboards, on which gorgeous pictures of women in tights, ferocious animals in cages, and sideshow freaks of monstrous size were shown. For free tickets, lumber dealers loaned the lumber. For free tickets, county authorities gave permission for inclosing the entire square. . . .

"The hottest place in America during midsummer was the interior of a circus tent. Not a breath of air could get through. On one very torrid day my father and mother took their entire brood of children to the show. During the performance Anderson, the youngest, was overcome by heat. Instead of rushing out with him and hurrying him to a hospital, as now would be done, he was given a sip from the family's pail of ice water, laid out on grass under the seats and left to shift for himself until the performance was over. He came through in good shape.

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